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PERSONAL.

ARTHUR—MEET ME TO-DAY AT THE OLD PLACE in Fifteenth street, between 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. MAY.

A M BACK AGAIN (100).—I LEAVE FOR THE WEST; two letters Post office for you.

GERALD, GERALD, GERALD—FOR REASONS I will tell you some time it will be impossible to keep Christmas as proposed.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE GENTLEMAN who bowed as he left the Fulton Ferry car at the intersection of Fourth avenue road, on Sunday evening, about ten o'clock, you may meet him on Broadway, walking between Tenth and Fourteenth streets, at noon, Wednesday, 28th inst.

IN THIS FEARFUL GRIEF WHICH HAUNTS ME DAY and night I ask, in the wildness of my delirium, am I so soon forgotten?—no sympathy for my sorrow, no love for me now? Whatever unkindness may be cherished towards me, think God, to you I have never been false. TO JOURS.

SATURDAY NIGHT—BUYING GLOVES; "NOT MISS taken; former residence Twenty-second street." Will my unmarried friend grant renewal of acquaintance, long wished for? Please answer W. B. F., Herald office.

TRINITY—COLD FEET, WHITE HAT AND PURPLE Leather; gentlemen with toothed hands respectfully solicits acquaintance. Address in confidence DISCRETION, Herald office.

WANTED—INFORMATION OF THE PERSONS, IF living, or their legal representatives, if dead, who composed the following firms in existence in the city of New York in 1834-5:—Manning & Highet. Wearing & Underwood, Kellog & Co., dry goods merchants; Baker & Johnson, clothing; Peart street, and a book and shoe dealer of Pearl street, name unknown. If such persons hold notes on Hugh King, they will at once notify DENNIS MULLIGAN, Executor, Lexington, Ky.

WOOD'S MUSEUM, MONDAY MATINEE, THENCE OPposite.—Will lady with child, who recommend gentleman following, please address CHARLIE RICHLAND, General Post office.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A.—PERSONS WHO ARE INSURED IN GOOD life insurance companies, and who do not desire to surrender their policies by assignment for sale, can borrow the surrender value of their policies by applying at Insurance Agency, 87 Liberty street.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT HOUSE, PARK, 32 CHAMBERS STREET, Dec. 22, 1870.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes, to pay the same at this office before the first day of January, 1871. On and after that date interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, calculated from October 1, 1870, to day of payment, will be added. On the 15th day of January proximo warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date. BERNARD SMITH, Receiver.

CAPTAIN E. G. LOTT.—SUBSCRIBERS TO THE LOTT testimonial and those who wish to attend the reception given him this evening at Delmonico's (Nicolo's Fourteenth street) will please obtain their ticke s from D. S. SICKELS, Treasurer, No. 8 Wall street.

HEBREW CHARITY FAIR.—NEW YORK, DEC. 26, 1870.—All persons having claims against this Fair are hereby notified to present them forthwith.
E. B. HART, Chairman.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY, SUPPLEMENTARY.—DEtermined by the drawing of the Royal Ha vana Lottery. For information address LUTHY & CO., 240 Gre enwich st.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY OF CUBA.—WHOLES $22; halves $16, quarters $8. Kentuckies from $1 to $16. Circulars sent free. HATES, 174 Broadway, New York, one door above Maiden lane.

$32 CURRENCY.—ROYAL HAVANA AND KENtucky Lottery—Prizes cashed and information given; circulars sent. JOSEPH BATES & CO., 11 Wall street. Box 4,264 Post office. Branch office, 447 Broome st.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WANTED—A SECOND HAND IRON SAFE OF ABOUT the following dimensions inside:—44x33x17 inches. Address ROBERTS, CUSHMAN & CO., 54 Mercer street.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

A.—TOYS AT RETAIL—MANY NOVELTIES, AT MUCH than Heretofore prices. French and Wax Dolls, Interns, Sailboats, &c., at PARSELL'S, Toy Bazaar, 3 West.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS—WAX FLOWERS.—MRS. MOORIDGE, of London, Artist in Wax Flowers. Bouquets, suitable for holiday presents, on sale at her rooms, 52 East Seventeenth street, Union square, near the Everett House. Agent for G. Worgan's wax flowers and materials.

1871.—CORNWALL'S NEW YEAR CARDS, NINE designs; caricature by Thomas Nast, "New Year Calls," "You Know How It Yourself," and all the principal stationers and by J. C. Y. CORNWALL, reading room Fifth Avenue Hotel. Fifty cents per pack.

LOST AND FOUND.

CORAL EARRING LOST.—$10 REWARD WILL BE PAID for its return at 276 East Broadway.

LOST—A LADY'S GOLD WATCH, CHAIN, BREAST pin and Charms, Sunday evening, from corner Allen and Canal streets down to Centre street. Good reward will be given at 448 Sixth avenue, first floor.

LOST—LAST SATURDAY EVENING, A BUNDLE OF Keys, between Laurens and Canal streets, in Broadway. Finder will be rewarded by returning the same to 107 Laurens street.

LOST—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, BETWEEN FIFTY-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, on Third avenue, a Scotch Terrier of brindle color, mixed with gray; answers to the name of Pappe. A reward of $20 will be paid on delivering the same at 912 Second avenue.

REWARDS.

$5 REWARD—FOR THE RETURN OF A BLACK silk Overskirt, lost in Forty-ninth street, west of Sixth avenue, Saturday night last. Apply at 57 West Thirty-fourth street.

$10 REWARD.—LOST, A BLACK AND TAN TERrier; white hair on the breast, sharp about the muzzle; had on a new collar, with name. The above reward will be paid upon returning the dog to No. 20 West Twenty-second street.

—LOST, ON DECEMBER 14, A LARGE black and gray spotted Bloodhound; the finder or any one giving information for the recovery of the dog will receive the above reward at 22 Essex street.

INSTRUCTION.

AT THOMPSON'S COLLEGE, 20 FOURTH AVENUE, opposite Cooper Institute—Bookkeeping, Writing, Arithmetic, Short Hand, English, German, French, Latin, Spanish. Private lessons, day and evening. Ladies' department. Telegraphy practically taught.

LESPINASSE FRENCH INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG ladies, at Port Washington.—French the language of the school. Thorough English, German and scientific courses. Circulars at Schirmer's music store, 701 Broadway; Millhau's drug store, 183 Broadway; G. Lespinasse's, 20 Pine street.

SPORTING—DOGS, BIRDS, &C.

ALL KINDS OF FANCY DOGS AND BIRDS FOR SALE.—Medicines for all diseases. Prepared food for mocking birds, at B. DOWEN'S, No. 3 Greene street, corner of Canal. N. B.—Ladies attended by Mrs. Dovey.

FRANCIS BUTLER, NO. 2 PECK SLIP, NEW YORK, has all the choice breeds of Dogs for sale or stock. Butler's Infallible Mange Cure and Flea Exterminator, 75c. Imported Ferrets. Butler's new work, fourth edition, $2. Dogs boarded, trained, &c. Medicines for all diseases.

HORSES, CARRIAGES, &C.

AUCTION MART FOR HORSES AND CARRIAGES OF JOHNSTON & VAN TASSELL, 112 and 114 East Thirteenth street, near Fourth avenue.
A CARD.
This being holiday week it was our intention to omit our usual Tuesday sale, but the wishes of our patrons have prevailed and we therefore offer for sale,
THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK:—
DARK BROWN Horse, 15¾ hands high, 8 years old, kind and true in all harness and perfectly reliable.
LARGE COVERED Express Wagon, nearly new.
BAY HORSE, 15½ hands, 6 years old, warranted sound, kind and true.
SORREL MARE, 15½ hands, 8 years old, kind, sound and true; also set of Harness.
PONY ESTABLISHMENT—Comprising a fine Sorrel Pony, sound, kind and true; also Pony Phaeton and Single Harness.
VERY FINE BAY TEAM, long manes and tails, 15¾ hands, 6 years; a capital carriage or express Team, and warranted sound, kind and true.
Several other Horses, fur Robes, Blankets, single and double Harness, &c., &c.

AT BARKER & HAMLIN'S
CITY AUCTION MART AND NEW YORK TATTERSALLS,
Corner Broadway and Thirty-ninth street.
BARKER & HAMLIN, AUCTIONEERS.
Regular Auction Sales
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
GENTLEMEN'S PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS disposed of at public or private sale to the best advantage, and a GENERAL ASSORTMENT of Horses, Carriages, Harness and sewing in the home line to suit the wants of all classes of purchasers constantly on hand.
SUPERIOR STABLING for horses on sale.
OUTSIDE SALES PROMPTLY ATTENDED to.
Liberal advances made on everything in the horse line.
PROFESSOR JARVIS' American Clipping Machine in operation at the Mart. Horses clipped in one hour.

A TROTTING HORSE FOR SALE CHEAP.—A FINE black Horse, 15¾ hands, sired by old Patchen; can be driven by any one; trotted last June in 2:54, can trot a four mile heat in 9:50; his pedigree can be made positive as he is well known; also a four year old Mare, trots in 2:50, scant 15 hands high, black, lady can drive her; single Road Wagon and Top Wagon, nearly new; Harness, &c.; owner's health compels him to sell. Apply at D. HULSE'S livery stable, 93 East Fourth street.

AT WITTY'S, 638 BROADWAY.—LARGEST ASSORTment new and second hand Carriages and Sleighs in this city; now offering at greatly reduced prices; Coupe Rockaways in great variety.

A —50 SLEIGHS OF ALL STYLES; BELLS IN GREAT variety; 500 Blankets, Sleigh and Wagon Robes. At summer prices at the corner Hudson and Spring streets.
LITTLE & TURNER.

A FIVE SECOND HAND COACHES, 1 LANDAU. Brewster's make; 20 Top, Road and Express Wagons; Phaetons, Harness of all kinds, Sleighs. Carriage Factory, 27 Wooster street.

A.—IN VIEW OF HOLIDAY SEASON WE HAVE completed a large stock of patent Clarences, Landaulets, Coupes, Landaus, Sleighs, Bells, Harness. Sell less this week. HAM'S, Fourth and Broadway.

ASSORTMENT CARRIAGES, HARNESS, SLEIGHS, &c., on hand; and to order; lowest rates and warranted. See our coupe and six seat Rockaways.
HICKS, 32 Barclay street.

A FIRST RATE GRAY CART HORSE FOR SALE cheap, for want of use; is a good worker; or would be boarded for the winter months for his keep. Apply at 303 East Thirty-ninth street, near Second avenue.

BELLS.—SLEIGH BELLS, SLEIGH BELLS; 1,000 straps, all styles, including the Dexter sleigh bell, lightest bell in the market, at very lowest prices, at CALVIN WITTY'S, Broadway.

FOR SALE—SIX HORSES, SUITABLE FOR FARMERS or any business wagon; must be sold; owner going West; a fair trial allowed. Apply at 139 Liberty street.

FOR SALE—A GOOD CANADIAN PONY, WAGON and Harness; will be sold cheap as the owner is leaving the city; warranted sound and kind. 262 Washington street, Harlem.

FOR SALE—A COUPE ROCKAWAY, CITY MAKE, with pole and shafts; in very best order. Can be seen in private stables, 47 West Forty-fourth street.

FOR SALE CHEAP—THREE YOUNG, STYLISH Horses, 16¼ to 15½ hands high, all warranted sound and kind; suitable for any use. 136 Perry street, rear. Must be sold; no work.

HORSE BLANKETS, 75 CENTS TO $50 EACH; ROBES, $2 75 to $50 each; Harness, $8 to $800 per set, at MOSEMAN'S Harness Warerooms, 148 Chambers street.

SLEIGHS, BELLS, ROBES.—250 SLEIGHS, 1,000 straps Bells, swell side family Sleighs, Dexter sleigh Bells; large assortment Robes at lowest market prices. second hand Sleighs.
277, 638 Broadway.

SLEIGHS.—A NEW LOT, JUST RECEIVED FROM Portland, trimmed and untrimmed single and double Sleighs, all beautifully finished, for sale cheap at 151 William street, up stairs.

SLEIGHS.—400, ALL STYLES. CUTTERS, SHIFTING seat, Pony, six seat, Albany Sleighs, Portlands, trimmed and untrimmed, at greatly reduced prices; 500 straps Bells, $1 to $20 each. 10 Nevins street, Brooklyn.

TOP BUGGY WANTED.—WANTED TO PURCHASE, for cash, a good second hand top Buggy and Harness. Address O. L. S., Herald office, stating price and where to be seen.

WANTED—A TEAM OF ROAD HORSES, FOR GENtlemen's private driving; they must be aged, over five years old, stylish, with some speed. Address D. W. H., Herald office.

4 WORKING HORSES, 7 TO 9 YEARS, 15 TO 16 HANDS, $185 to $160; full blooded trotting Mare $125. 128 Bank, corner Washington; grocery. Call before purchasing elsewhere.

$200—TEAM BLACK CANADIANS, 15¾ HANDS, warranted sound, kind, or money returned; gray Canadian, 15 hands, $75; bay Mare, fast trotter, $75. 241 West Thirty-first street, in rear.

500 SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, Blankets, Robes, Bells.
Sleighs of all kinds, from $25 up. Largest and handsomest assortment in New York.
WM. H. GRAY, 29, 23, 24 and 25 Wooster street.

COPARTNERSHIPS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LIMITED partnership has been formed by the undersigned, pursuant to the laws of the State of New York; that the firm name under which such partnership is to be conducted is William D. Wilson; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted by such partnership is manufacturing and purchasing and selling printer's ink and printer's materials; that the names of all the general and special partners interested in the said business are William D. Wilson and Charles W. Harper; that the said William D. Wilson is the general partner, and his place of residence is Bowlyn, Queens county, N. Y., and that the said Charles W. Harper is the special partner, and his residence is Madison, Morris county, N. J.; that the principal place of business of the said copartnership is to be the city of New York; that the amount of capital which the said Charles W. Harper has contributed as the said special partner to the said partnership is the sum of $15,500; that the period at which the said partnership is to commence is the 22d day of November, A. D. 1870, and the period at which it will terminate is the 22d day of November, A. D. 1873.
D. WILSON, General Partner.
CHARLES W. HARPER, Special Partner.
NEW YORK, November 22, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING under the firm name of Schwartz & Harris is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Business continued by I. Schwartz. ISIDOR SCHWARTZ,
DECEMBER 23, 1870. ABRAHAM HARRIS.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

ALL O. K.—FOLLOW NO PATENT HUMBUGS WHEN you can go into a legitimate business, easy to manage and thoroughly introduced, for $200 to $300, at 99 Laurens street.

A FIRM IN THIS CITY, HAVING IN THIS YEAR transacted a most prosperous business in a branch which has been improperly monopolized, in which, with inferring certainty, by increased exertions, a princely income and vast reputation are sure to be made now forming an incorporated association, into which they will admit two gentlemen of superior business abilities; but moderate capital required; only reliable gentlemen, giving real names, need apply. Address ASSOCIATION, box 4,544 Post office, New York.

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY.—TWO VALUABLE Patents, Hebdon's Advertising Agency, also Hebdon's Railway Station Indicator, for immediate sale; no reasonable offer refused. 744 Broadway, room No. 3.

A PARTY HAVING $200 CASH CAN JOIN IN HALF interest in sample and lunch room down town; 110 West street, between New Jersey and Central ferries; or for sale to a cash customer.

TO CAPITALISTS.—FOR SALE, A FIRST CLASS Brewery, in full operation for the last twenty years; best location in the city; will be sold on favorable terms; a long lease and reasonable rent. Address CAPITAL, station D.

WANTED.—PARTNER, WITH FROM $3,000 TO $8,000, for a perpetual contract; references exchanged. Address BUSINESS, box 190 Herald office.

WANTED—A MAN TO TAKE CHARGE OF A LIGHT business, that will pay large profits; one with $250 cash can have an interest or good salary paid. Address D. CHARLES, Herald office.

$500 TO $800.—FOURTH OR HALF INTEREST IN a light manufacturing business; pays well; chance seldom offered; duty to superintend; reference given. Apply at 171 Broadway, room 16.

$5,000 TO $8,000.—WANTED, A PARTNER, IN A well established manufactured iron business; best reference given and required. Call at Brandreth House, or address Y. W. W., box 117 Herald office.

$5,000. AN INTEREST IN AN HONEST ESTABlished business wanted, by an active, energetic and competent man; experienced bookkeeper and financier; best references. Address, stating business, C. W. B., box 106 Herald office.

ROOMS, BOARD, &C., WANTED.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE, TWO OR three unfurnished Rooms, suitable for housekeeping. Address, with particulars and terms, which must be moderate, H. A., Herald office.

WANTED—A DOCTOR'S OFFICE, SOFA BED, WITH or without Board, on the east side, between Twentieth and Thirty-fifth streets. Address immediately Dr. BOWLS, drug store, corner Thirty-first street and Third avenue.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A LARGE, WELL FURnished House, suitable for a boarding house, not above Fifteenth street and between Fourth and Seventh avenues. Address MR. M. E., 50 Clinton place.

DRY GOODS.

AT EHRICH'S
Temple of Fashion.
Holiday Goods at bargains.
Being determined not to keep any Holiday Goods over, we offer the balance of our elegantly
inlaid Work and Jewel Boxes,
Writing Desks, &c.,
at an immense reduction.
Elegantly inlaid Boxes at $2 25, reduced from $8 75.
Elegantly inlaid Desks at $4, reduced from $6.
More elaborately inlaid Desks at $5 50; were $8 50.
Of our solid black walnut Desks, gilt edge and lock, at $1, we have only a few left.
We have also reduced the prices on our entire stock of
Kid Gloves,
Lace and embroidered Handkerchiefs and
Sets,
Sash and Bow Ribbons,
Corsets, Hosiery,
Real Guipure Laces,
Trimmed Bonnets, Feathers, &c.
Black Velvetteens at 50c., 75c., $1 and upward, worth one-half more.
Black Silk Velvets in four qualities.
Brown and Garnet Silk Velvet at $2 50.
Heavy Brown Velveteen at 75c., just received.
And many more bargains too numerous to mention, at
EHRICH'S
Temple of Fashion,
287 Eighth avenue,
between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.
have just received
per steamship Sidonian, direct from Marseilles,
an additional instalment of
popular Silks,
which will be offered on Monday, Dec. 26,
at the extraordinarily low prices of last week,
viz:—
New Striped Fancy Silks, double sided,
75c. per yard.
New Striped Fancy Silks, heavier grade,
87½ cents per yard,
recently sold at $1 50 per yard.
Two cases of Grisaille Striped Silks,
perfectly new, $1 per yard,
their present value $1 50 per yard.
Heavy Lyons Black Dress Silks, $1 50 and $1 75 per yard.
Plain Dress Silks, in light and dark colors, $1 50 and $1 75 per yard.
American Black Silks, guaranteed to wash and wear well, $2 per yard.
French and Irish Poplins, all qualities and shades, 75 cents to $2 per yard.
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
in order to close their present stock of
Dress Goods
prior to taking their semi-annual inventory,
have made very large reductions from
recent prices, viz:
Poplins 25c. per yard; recent wholesale price 25c.
Plaid Poplins, high colors, 50c. per yard; recent price 50c.
Empress Cloths, 25c. per yard; recent price 40c. and 50c.
Plaid Poplins, 54 inches wide, $1 25 per yard; recent price $2.
Satins de Chine, cloth colors, 60c. per yard; recent price 85c.
The above form only a small portion of the large stock offered, which they will have great pleasure to
exhibit to their friends, customers
and strangers without any opportunity to purchase,
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS
in
Alexandre's
and other very superior makes of
Gloves
will be offered during this week
at greatly reduced prices by
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.
will offer on Monday, December 26,
an immense Stock of
Real India Cassmir Hair Shawls,
from $50 each, upwards.
Extra Elegant and Costly Brussels
Point Lace Real Lace Goods.
Paris made Velvet, Silk and Poplin
Suits and Dresses, en train.
Paris and Brussels Cloth
Polonaises, very rich.
Velvets and Plush Sacques, Cloaks,
&c., &c.
Embroideries in every variety.
Ladies' Hats, Bonnets, Feathers,
Flowers.
Elegant Sashes and Sash Ribbons, &c.
Paris and New York Fancy Goods.
Gentlemen's and Ladies' Furnishing
Goods, Undergarments, Hosiery,
Gloves, Fancy Goods in the
latest London styles.
Lap Rugs, Geniemen's Smoking
Jackets, Dressing Gowns,
&c., &c.,
forming the largest assortment
to be found in this city,
at prices lower than ever.
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

PARIS FLOWERS.
For balls, weddings, &c.
The finest assortment in the city selling now at a great reduction.
A. C. DUMON,
19 East Fifteenth street, opposite Tiffany's.

R. H. MACY.
The balance of our Christmas Toys and Christmas Goods closing out at very low prices.
For New Year's
A fine assortment of
Real Lace Goods,
French and Swiss Embroideries,
Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs,
Housekeeping and House Furnishing
Goods,
Books,
French Bonbon Boxes, &c.,
At Popular Prices.
R. H. MACY,
Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue.

CITY REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

East Side.

A HANDSOME THREE STORY BROWN STON House, 229 Eighteenth street, west of second avenue, for sale cheap; is in first rate order; contains all the modern improvements; neighborhood unsurpassed. Address A. TUSKA, 200 Canal street.

AN EXCELLENT STAND FOR A BAKERY OR ANY other kind of business, 45 Third avenue, corner Tenth street, a three story store and basement, 25x70, for sale; a good baker's oven is on the sidewalk; rented for $2,400; is a Stuyvesant leasehold. Address A. TUSKA, 200 Canal st

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT NO. 28 EAST TWENTYeighth street, 400 feet northeast of Madison square. J. M. Guitean, owner. Also one in West Fifth avenue, same street, a large Farm on Washington Bay, and two Blue Stone Quarries in Orange county.

PEARL STREET, NO. 456, 25X120, INCLUDING FOUR Bowling Alleys, Bar and Saloon Fixtures; Lexington avenue, No. 183, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, three story F. B. h. s. House, 20x50x90. Henry street, No. 22, near Catharine street, three story, h. s. b. House, 20x 28x50. Apply to A. TUSKA, 200 Canal street.

West Side

A DESIRABLE HIGH STOOP DWELLING, WITH all modern improvements, 22.6x55x100, for sale very low, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Ninth street; possession.
V. K. STEVENSON & SON, 11 Pine street.

BROOKLYN PROPERTY FOR SALE AND TO LET.

A LARGE NEW FACTORY TO LET—ALL OR IN part, at Greenpoint, one block from ferry, containing 50,000 square feet; boilers and engine now in place. Apply to or address F. N. GOVE, No. 98 Noble street, Greenpoint.

CHEAP RENT IN GREENPOINT.—SECOND FLOOR, new house; 6 rooms, water throughout; excellent neighborhood; $10 per month; Hunter's Point cars.
H. C. DEXTER, No. 9 Broad street, New York.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.—IN BROOKLYN, LOTS AND Buildings near the river, suitable for manufacturing purposes; also a Grist Mill and Machinery for manufacturing tobacco. Inquire at KELSEY'S Store.

IN WILLIAMSBURG—143 SKILLMAN STREET.—A TWO story and basement frame House, 12 rooms, water on each floor; two Lots, each 25x100; 15 minutes from ferries, three minutes from four lines of cars; easy terms. Inquire of the owner, JAMES HENERY, on the premises.

PROPERTY OUT OF THE CITY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

A GRIST MILL, DWELLING AND FOUR ACRES OF Land—One mile from Jamaica, Long Island; a fine, splendid water power; good cash market; only $8,000; cash $3,500; balance $500 yearly.
GEORGE L. WALKER, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—
Splendid Block, 9 houses and stores, Hartford..$150,000
Country Seat in Connecticut, 25 acres..... 20,000
Farm, 360 acres, Connecticut..... 25,000
Brown stone House, Third street, Brooklyn..... 20,000
Hotel, 60 rooms, all furnished..... 50,000
House and Lot, on Chestnut street, Brooklyn..... 6,000
House and Lot, Fourth avenue, Brooklyn..... 3,500
16 Building Lots, Linden Park, each..... 300
1 Building Lot in the city of Washington..... 1,500
8 Building Lots, Jamaica, L. I., each..... 200
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FINANCIAL.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham square and New Bowery, New York,
is now receiving deposits from $1 to $5,000, entitled to interest as from January 1, 1871, at the rate of six per cent per annum,
Free of United States deposit tax.
Assets—Principally invested in United States bonds and New York city bonds and mortgages, December 1, 1870..... $2,507,762 92
Deposits—Increased accrued interest to date, December 1, 1870..... 2,714,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities..... $193,762,92
HARRISON HALL, President.
J. P. COOPER, Secretary.
C. D. BAILEY, Treasurer.

BULL'S HEAD BANK.—FORTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—New York, Dec. 22, 1870.—The usual quarterly dividend of five per cent, free of all taxes, was this day declared out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable on and after the 30th day of December inst.
G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.
Agency, No. 17 Nassau street,
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Commercial Credits
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Demand and Time Bills of Exchange, payable in London and elsewhere, bought and sold at current rates; also Cable Transfers.
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JOHN PATON,
ARCHIBALD McKINLAY, } Agents.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILroad Company, 29 Exchange place, New York, Dec. 16, 1870.
The company has declared a dividend of six per cent, payable on 31st December inst., in the stock of Morris and Essex Railroad Company. Transfer books will be closed until morning of January 3.
A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

EMIGRANT INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK,
51 Chambers street.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.
DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this Bank have ordered that interest be paid to depositors entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., as follows:—On sums of $2,000 and under, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and on sums exceeding $2,000 at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable on and after Monday, January 16, 1871.
The interest will be added to the credit of depositors under date of January 1, and will be entitled to interest for the next six months, if not withdrawn.
HENRY L. HOGUET, President.
DAVID LEDWITH, Comptroller.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,
658 Sixth avenue (Booth's Theatre).
Interest at rate of seven per cent per annum will be paid on all sums remaining in bank January 1, 1871, that were deposited on or before July 20 and October 20. Payable on and after the second Monday in January.
Also an extra dividend of one per cent on all sums of $1,000 and under deposited before August 1, 1869, remaining in bank January 1, 1871.
Money deposited now will draw interest from January 1.
WILLIAM M. GILES, President.
H. K. THURBER,
HUGH MURRAY, } Vice Presidents.
ISAAC S. BARRETT, Secretary.
N. B.—Parties living at a distance can send deposits and receive book by return mail.

MONEY REMITTANCES AND DRAFTS,
in sums from $1 upwards,
on all parts of
ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND,
AT LOWEST RATES.
Exchange on all points, in sums to suit, for sale by HENRY CLEWS & CO., 32 Wall street.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUtion, No 293 Bowery near Houston street.
Six per cent interest allowed on all sums from $5 to $10,000.
Deposits made now draw interest from January 1.
German spoken.
Open daily, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Eighth avenue and West Thirty-fourth street.
Dividend.—A semi-annual Dividend at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums from $5 to $5,000 will be paid on and after January 16, 1871.
Money deposited on or before the 20th of January will draw interest from January 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; also on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN HOOPER, President.
JAMES O. BENNETT, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE
RONDOUT AND OSWEGO RAILROAD COMPANY,
RONDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1870.
The Coupons due January 1, 1871, on the First Mortgage Bonds of the Rondout and Oswego Railroad Company will be paid on presentation at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the city of New York, on and after the 2d day of January, 1871.
JOHN C. BRODHEAD, President.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—TREASURY DEPARTment, Columbia, S. C., December 2, 1870.
The interest maturing January 1, 1871, on the bonds of the State of South Carolina will be paid in gold, on demand, on and after January 1, at the Banking House of H. B. Klinkton, No. 76 Nassau street, New York, and at the Treasury Office, in Columbia, S. C. The interest on the registered stock of the State will be paid in Columbia only.
NILES G. PARKER,
Treasurer State South Carolina.
Coupons will be received for examination on and after the 27th inst.
Financial Agent State South Carolina.

SEVERAL LARGE AMOUNTS TO LOAN—ON BOND and Mortgage, in sums to suit applicants, without bonus. First and Second Mortgages promptly cashed.
POTTER BROS., No. 5½ Pine street.

THIRD AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner Third avenue and Twenty-sixth street,
NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.
Interest.—Semi-annual interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums from $1 to $5,000 will be paid on and after the third Monday in January.
Interest will be added to accounts January 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits.
Bank open daily, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.

Cooks, &c.

21 1ST AV.—A PROFESSED FRENCH AND GERMAN cook, in a fire; class gentleman's family; understands her business perfectly; good reference.

21 PRINCE ST.—A COMPETENT WOMAN TO DO plain cooking, washing and ironing in a small family in the city; good reference if required.

30 WEST 12TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS cook, washer and ironer; understands all kinds of housework.

38 WEST 15TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—A competent woman as first class cook; meats, game, pastry and desserts of all kinds; is an excellent baker; no objection to boarding house; best city reference.

82 KING ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN AS PLAIN COOK, washer and ironer; no objection to short distance in the country.

84 3D ST., BETWEEN 1ST AND 2D AVS., FIRST floor.—A German (Switzerland) French cook, speaking French and some English, in a respectable English family; neither washing nor ironing. Good recommendation.

104 7TH AV., NEAR 16TH ST.—AS FIRST CLASS cook; thoroughly understands the cooking of soups, meats, pastries and creams; a good baker of bread and cake; good city reference. Can be seen for the week if not engaged.

109 WEST 15TH ST., REAR.—A RESPECTABLE Scotch woman as plain cook, washer and ironer; good baker; best city reference.

156 WEST 30TH ST., BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH avs., in the bakery.—A respectable young woman as first rate cook; understands her business thoroughly; will be found trustworthy; unexceptionable city reference.

162 WAVERLEY PLACE, IN THE REAR.—AS cook, washer and ironer; boarding house preferred; good city reference from last place.

209 WEST 28TH ST.—AS FIRST CLASS COOK AND baker; is also a good washer and ironer; best city references.

225 EAST 25TH ST., BETWEEN 2D AND 3D AVS., next engine house.—A Presbyterian middle aged woman, who has lived a number of years, as plain cook or would do housework in a small family.

230 VARICK ST.—A PROTESTANT GIRL TO COOK, wash and iron; no objection to a short distance in the country; good city reference.

232 WEST 42D ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH avs.—A respectable girl to do plain cooking, washing and ironing. Call for two days.

401 10TH AV., NEAR 32D ST.—A RESPECTABLE young girl as cook, washer and ironer; best city reference.

428 WEST 52D ST., BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH avs.—A French woman as cook in a French family; understands French, German and English cooking. Good reference.

443 EAST 12TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS order cook for a restaurant; thoroughly understands her business; no objections to Brooklyn or Jersey City.

490 6TH AV., BETWEEN 29TH AND 30TH STS.—A two Protestant girls; one as cook, the other as chambermaid and waitress; understands cooking and baking and would assist in washing. Reference.

Chambermaids, &c.

82 KING ST., NEAR VARICK ST.—A PROTESTANT girl as chambermaid and waitress or general housework; city reference.

104 7TH AV., BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STS.—As first class chambermaid or waitress in a private family, or as nurse or seamstress; good city reference. Call for two days.

202 WEST 17TH ST.—AN AMERICAN GIRL AS chambermaid and waitress. Call on Mrs. GRIFFIN.

210 WEST 42D ST.—A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN woman as chambermaid and waitress; no objection to the country.

218 WEST 27TH ST., ROOM NO. 9.—A RESPECTable girl as chambermaid and to assist with the washing; will be found willing and obliging; good reference.

240 WEST 19TH ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH AVS.—A Protestant young woman to do chambermork and fine washing or sewing, or will go out by the day; best city reference.

303 EAST 86TH ST., NEAR 2D AV.—A COMPETENT young girl, just from England, as chambermaid and waitress in a private family.

305 7TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL TO DO chamberwork and assist in washing in a private family.

323 EAST 47TH ST.—AS CHAMBERMAID OR nurse.

333 EAST 59TH ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN AS CHAMbermaid and waitress; would do general housework in a small private family; two years' city reference from last employers.

429 EAST 14TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS chambermaid; would assist with the washing and ironing.

484 CANAL ST.—A GIRL TO DO CHAMBERWORK and assist with washing and ironing; no objection to the country; best city reference.

521 BROOME ST.—A PROTESTANT YOUNG WOman as chambermaid and waitress or to take care of children; best city reference. Call for two days.

610 2D AV., THIRD FLOOR, FRONT ROOM.—A REspectable woman as chambermaid, waitress or nurse. Call for two days.

713 6TH AV., NEAR 40TH ST.—A PROTESTANT girl as chambermaid and to assist in washing or to do general housework in a small family.

1,091 3D AV., NEAR 64TH ST.—AS CHAMBERmaid and waitress or to do general housework in a small private family; is a good washer and ironer; has the best city reference.

Dressmakers and Seamstresses.

59 HOUSTON ST., NEAR BOWERY, STORE.—A QUICK needle woman wants sewing by the day; terms $1 25 per day.

61 WEST 18TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—An excellent seamstress, during the winter months, by day, week or month; can cut and fit for ladies and children; understands all kinds of family sewing and shirt making; embroidery; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; wages not so much an object as a comfortable home; reference.

109 WEST 33D ST.—SUISSE DRESSES, $4 AND $5; dressmaking and trimming in superior style; operators and hand sewers to go out by the day. Mrs. TRACY.

124 WEST 19TH ST., THIRD FLOOR.—WORK BY the day or week by a first class seamstress to finish off ladies' dresses and trim in the neatest style; references.

152 6TH AV.—AN EXPERIENCED OPERATOR ON Wheeler & Wilson's machine on all kinds of fine tucking and stretmaking. Apply or address.

162 WEST 35TH ST.—A FIRST CLASS DRESSMAKER wishes to go out by the day or week; can cut ladies' dresses; has her own machine.

208 6TH ST., FRIST FLOOR.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL as seamstress or chambermaid in a private family; no objection to taking care of children; good city reference.

235 WEST 17TH ST.—A FIRST CLASS DRESSMAKER wishes a few more customers by the day or week; understands cutting and trimming; can sew on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Call or address.

250 WEST 17TH ST.—AS COMPETENT SEAMstress and ladies' maid; thoroughly understands cutting and fitting ladies and children; can operate on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; no objections to work by the day; a permanent situation preferred.

271 WEST 19TH ST., SECOND FLOOR.—A RESPECtable young lady, having a machine of her own, desires some days of any description of dressmaking or plain sewer; would go out by the day or week to private families as dressmaker; can trim dresses and cloaks in the most fashionable style. Call on or address 271 West 19th st.

337 EAST 12TH ST., FIRST FLOOR, FRONT ROOM.—Fashionable dressmaking and cloak making; Winter and Spring Suits, $6, upwards; Wrappers, $8 a $8 50; also, children's and misses' garments made to order; Patterns and Fashion Plates, cutting and basting. Terms cash. Call or address.

342 EAST 21ST ST., TOP FLOOR.—AN EXperienced dressmaker to go out by the day; first class cutter and fitter; can operate on different machines; best city references.

398 BLEECKER ST., IN THE STORE.—A COMPEtent dressmaker wishes a few more customers to go out by the day; understands making walking suits, evening and reception dresses; can operate on a Wheeler & Wilson machine.

414 7TH AV., NEAR 33D ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN as seamstress to go out by the day or week; can work on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Call or address.

417 6TH AV., BETWEEN 25TH AND 26TH STS.—A first class dressmaker wants a few more families to work for by the day; is a fashionable fitter and trimmer.

765 8TH AV., BETWEEN 46TH AND 47TH STS.—A first class dressmaker wishes engagements by the day or week; can furnish machine if required; best city reference. Call on or address DRESSMAKER.

1,057 3D AV., FOURTH FLOOR, FRONT.—A RESpectable Protestant girl, about two months in the country, to do plain sewing and help with the upstairs work, or to do general housework in a small private family.

MISS CLINCH, 54 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET, corner Sixth avenue.—Ladies can rely on getting perfect fitting dresses, made and trimmed in the latest and most fashionable styles; Walking Suits and Evening Dresses made in eight hours' notice, at moderate prices. Garments cut and fitted.

General Housework, &c.

28 CARMINE ST., NEAR BLEECKER.—AN AMERIcan woman to do general housework in a small family; is a good plain cook; city or country. Good reference.

43 PERRY ST., REAR.—A YOUNG WOMAN TO DO general housework in a private family; no objection to the country; is a good plain cook, washer and ironer; good city reference. Call for two days.

45 CLARKSON ST., FIRST FLOOR, BETWEEN HUDson and Greenwich.—A respectable woman to do general housework or take care of children.

67 WEST 48TH ST., NEAR 6TH AV.—AN ENGLISH Protestant young woman to do general housework in a small family. Call on or address at present employer's, S. L.

218 WEST 18TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, lately landed from England, to do general housework in a small private family. Can be seen for two days.

246 WEST 37TH ST., SECOND FLOOR, BACK room.—A young girl to do general housework; good plain cook, washer and ironer; best city reference.

305 7TH AV.—A YOUNG GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework in a private family; best city reference.

358 HUDSON ST., IN THE REAR.—A RESPECTAble woman to do housework, with or without a girl, 14 years old, as a good sewer.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.

General Housework, &c.

417 EAST 24TH ST., BETWEEN 1ST AV. AND AV. A, first floor, rear.—A respectable widow woman, with a child three years old, to do general housework; will go for low wages on account of the child; best reference. Call for two days.

421 EAST 16TH ST., BETWEEN AVS. A AND 1ST, first floor, back.—A young woman to do general housework in a small private family; good city reference.

528 WEST 34TH ST., FIRST FLOOR.—A STRONG girl to do general housework in a private family; has good city reference. Call for two days.

Housekeepers, &c.

4 COLUMBIA ST.—A YOUND LADY OF REDUCED circumstances as housekeeper. Call or address Miss BELL.

114 7TH AV., BASEMENT DOOR.—A YOUNG AMEriican widow as housekeeper in a gentleman's family; can take full charge.

223 WEST 35TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE LADY AS housekeeper or as lady's companion. None but respectable parties need apply.

621 6TH AV., THIRD FLOOR.—AS HOUSEKEEPER in a hotel by an American woman, who has practical knowledge of the same. Address M. C.

651 2D AV.—A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN WOman as housekeeper; a widower's family, with children, preferred.

A YOUNG WOMAN, WITH A SMALL CHILD, AS A housekeeper; no objection to the country; a good home more an object than wages. Call at the Home of the Friendless, 35th st., between Broadway and 4th av.

HOUSEKEEPER.—A RESPECTABLE MARRIED LADY desires a position as housekeeper; is competent seamstress. Satisfactory reference given and required. Address, for two days, Mrs. M. J. E., Herald office.

Laundresses, &c.

34 GREENWICH AV., FIRST FLOOR, IN THE rear.—A woman wishes to go out by the day to wash, iron or to do housecleaning; best reference.

85 6TH AV., BACK STAIRS, FOURTH FLOOR.—A respectable woman to do ladies' or gentlemen's washing and ironing; pulling and fluting neatly done.

124 WEST 33D ST.—AS FIRST CLASS LAUNDRESS in a private family; can make up ladies' muslins; best reference. Call for two days.

130 8TH ST., NEAR 6TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE woman wishes to get work by the day; is an excellent washer and ironer or housecleaner; will do the work of the kitchen if required.

207 EAST 27TH ST., BACK ROOM.—A YOUNG American woman to do gentlemen's or ladies' washing at her own house. Come all the week.

239 EAST 28TH ST., FIRST FLOOR, BACK ROOM.—A woman wishes to go out two or three days in the week or to take washing at her own residence by the dozen.

463 WEST 42D ST.—AS GOOD COOK; NO OBJECtion to assist in washing or to do housework in a small family; best reference.

Nurses, &c.

41 WEST 24TH ST.—WET NURSE, WITH HEALTHY milk. Can be seen at her last place.

136 2D AV.—A LADY WISHES TO GET A SITUATION for a faithful nurse; every way competent to take care of an infant from its birth.

215 EAST 40TH ST.—A PROTESTANT GIRL AS EXperienced nurse; seven and a half years' reference from last place. Call on or address ELIZA.

225 WEST 16TH ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH avs., second floor.—A respectable young woman as infant's nurse; capable of bringing up a child from birth on the bottle; can also do plain sewing; best city reference.

234 6TH AV., NEAR 15TH ST., IN THE STORE.—A respectable American woman as child's nurse; is competent and a neat sewer.

254 4TH ST.—A YOUNG COLORED GIRL AS child's nurse; good reference from last place.

423 EAST 18TH ST., SECOND FLOOR, FRONT.—A respectable woman to wet nurse a baby at her own house, having lost her own baby, two months old.

749 3D AV.—A COMPETENT WOMAN AS NURSE and seamstress, to go out by the week or month; can cut and fit ladies' dresses; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; would assist in the chamberwork; city reference.

751 6TH AV., NEAR 43D ST., FOURTH FLOOR.—A good healthy nurse (an American woman), having seven years' experience, wishes to make a few engagements; can give the best city references. Can be seen for one week, from 2 to 4 P. M., at the drug store.

1,369 2D AV., SECOND FLOOR.—A RESPECTable woman as nurse either to an invalid lady or baby; good reference. Call or address for two days.

A RESPECTABLE MARRIED LADY WISHES A baby to wet nurse at her own house. Inquire in Huntington st., between Court and Smith, South Brooklyn; small frame house, south side of street. Mrs. LONG.

Waitresses, &c.

40 WEST 13TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG GIRL as waitress or to do chamberwork and washing. Good city reference.

640 GREENWICH ST., IN THE REAR.—A YOUNG girl as waitress and to assist in chamberwork.

Miscellaneous.

7 EAST 28TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT as lady's maid or first class seamstress; understands cutting and fitting perfectly; can operate on Grover & Baker's and Wheeler & Wilson's machines; or would go out by the day; best city references.

20TH ST. BROADWAY.—A GERMAN MUSICAL lady, speaking French and English, as travelling companion. Address V. V., St. George's Hotel.

24 6TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN AS first class hand to cutters; understands dressmaking, hairdressing, millinery; can cut and fit; is a Protestant; is a good operator on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Address B. R.

65 IRVING PLACE.—A FRENCH LADY, WELL educated, wants to enter a good family to educate one or two children not under five years, or to travel as companion. Address, from 10 to 2, C. F.

139 WEST 20TH ST.—AN AMERICAN LADY AS companion and assistant in an American family; without children preferred; can do all kinds of sewing and dressmaking; an agreable and comfortable home more of an object than pay. Call on or address Mrs. HARPER.

159 WEST 22D ST.—A YOUNG MUSICAL LADY, who speaks French, German and English, as companion; Southern or California preferred. Address L. V.

1,199 BROADWAY.—A YOUNG GIRL, LATELY ARrived from England, as seamstress; would take charge of and instruct young children or assist with light work; city reference.

A FRENCH WIDOW LADY WISHES TO TAKE CARE of little children and instruct them in German and French and make herself useful. Address Mme. CHOAR, Herald office.

A FRENCH SWISS LADY WISHES TO GET AN ENgagement by the month; will begin from the 1st of January, teaching French, German, English and music; city reference. Address INSTITUTRICE, Herald office.

VISITING GOVERNESS.—AN ENGLISH LADY DEsires an engagement; English thoroughly, French, drawing, music and singing without the aid of masters. Address SIGMA, box 116 Herald office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS DAILY GOVERNESS IN a good family; qualified to teach English, French and music thoroughly; would like the care of pupil's wardrobe. Address FRENCH, Herald office.

Intelligence Offices.

WELL RECOMMENDED GERMAN SERVANTS FOR all purposes, reliable and trustworthy, constantly found at German Bureau, 303 Bowery. Mrs. LOWE.

HELP WANTED—FEMALES.

A GIRL TO DO GENERAL HOUSEWORK WANTED. Reference required. Call for two days at 116 West Eleventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

NURSE WANTED—AN INTELLIGENT PROTESTANT nurse, for a child six months old, to leave for the South to pass the winter. None only those having the best reference need apply on board steamship Crescent City, pier 12 North river, below the foot of Jay and Hubert.

WANTED—A COOK AND LAUNDRESS. A FIRST class cook; also a laundress who understands fluting and is willing to assist at chamberwork. Apply, with city references, between 9 and 11 o'clock, at 135 West 45th st.

WANTED—A VERY GOOD SEWER; $1 25 PER DAY. Apply at 2,060 3d av., between 112th and 113th sts., first floor.

WANTED—A WET NURSE, TO TAKE A BABY three months old to her home. Call at 414 1st av.

WANTED—TWO GIRLS; ONE AS COMPETENT nurse, to take entire charge of an infant, and make herself otherwise useful; the other as neat and capable parlor maid; must be used to the good city reference; the other a good plain cook, first rate washer and ironer. Apply at 39 Beekman place, corner of East 53d st. (Ring basement bell.)

WANTED—TWO GIRLS IN A PRIVATE FAMILY; one to cook, wash and iron; one for chamberwork and sewing. Good wages. Apply at 76 West 47th st., basement door.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN WITH A fresh breast of milk for a baby five weeks old. Apply at 508 6th st., for two days.

WANTED—A GOOD PLAIN COOK; ALSO A WILling, tidy girl as chambermaid; must come well recommended. Apply at 148 East 56th st., near Lexington av.

WANTED—A GIRL TO ATTEND A FIRST CLASS shop; must be thoroughly understands the business and books. Apply at 922 6th av., corner 52d st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

14 GRAND ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG COLored man as first class waiter or to wait on a gentleman; understands the full charge of a dining room; best reference given. Call on or address C. M.

353 6TH AV.—SINGLE PROTESTANT MAN AS waiter in a private family; best city reference; city or country. Call on or address for two days W. B.

449 WEST 19TH ST.—A SMART MAN AS WAITER in a boarding house; is an excellent cook; best city reference.

A FIRST CLASS MAN, SPEAKING SEVERAL LANguages, used to the business, out of employment from the closing of a first class house, desires a situation as first or second head waiter in a hotel or restaurant. Address HEAD WAITER, Herald office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A MAN TO WORK ON A family; understands horses; is a good milker. Call at 21 Roosevelt st., for two days.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, 17 YEARS of age, in a commission house or any business where he could make himself useful; is an American by birth; speaks and writes German fluently, French not so well, but enough to transact business. Address JOHN W. FERRIER, 157 East 14th st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A YOUNG MAN, IN A shipping and commission house; expectations moderate; willing to make himself generally useful; excellent recommendations from his late employer. Address for three days, EXPECTANT, Herald office.

CLERKS AND SALESMEN.

A MAN AS BOOKKEEPER AND CASHIER, WITH $500, in the produce business; a good salary will be paid or an interest given in business. Address CASHIER, Herald office.

A TEA CLERK WANTED—ONE THAT UNDERstands the business thoroughly. None others need apply at 545 8th av., between 41st and 42d sts.

A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE of good standing and much experience in all branches of the banking business wishes a position in a respectable banking house, in any capacity where a liberal salary would be given; good references. Address W., box 3,550 Post office.

A YOUNG MAN, WITH A GOOD BUSINESS EDUCAtion, wishes a position as bookkeeper or assistant; is a rapid penman and good business correspondent; can give the best references; has no objection to go either South or West; salary no object. Address M. M. P., 338 East 54th st.

A YOUNG MARRIED MAN, WHO HAS FILLED EACH and every position, from errand boy to bookkeeper and partner, in a notion, fancy goods and stationery house (wholesale) about ten years, desires a situation; is competent, willing and obliging; possesses habits, strictly temperate; has ample references and security; salary about $20 per week. Address PERSEVERANCE, Herald office.

A DRUGGIST WANTED—A YOUNG MAN, WITH some experience in a drug store. Address J. N., Herald office.

TO BANKERS AND OTHERS.—AN ENGLISHMAN seeks employment in a banking establishment or insurance office. Address C., box 148 Herald office.

TO DRUGGISTS.—A THOROUGH, COMPETENT DRUGgist will be free to accept an engagement after Jan. 1. The South preferred. Address DRUGGIST, box 217 Herald office.

TRAVELLING AGENTS OF ABILITY, LEAVING IN January, can transact some business for us, for cash, at important points.
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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M., January 15, 1871, for furnishing, delivering, fitting and putting in place the cast and wrought iron work exhibited in plans, specifications and schedules now in this office, consisting of cast iron columns, bedplates, &c., and wrought iron beams, girders, &c.
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The work will not be subdivided among different bidders, but will be considered in the aggregate.
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The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the government to do so; and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposals be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of cast or wrought iron, or castings, for $250; Stool and Cover complete assortment of Household Furniture, in lots to suit. Call at residence 179 West Twenty-seventh street, near Sixth av.

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Also a number of fine American Pictures, the productions of well known resident artists.

The Galleries will be open on and after Monday, 26th inst., day and evening, FREE auth sale.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28,
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Genteel Household Furniture, removed for convenience of sale, comprising in part as follows: Velvet, Brussels and Ingrain Carpets; Rosewood and Black Walnut Chamber Suits; Bronzed and fancy figures and striped rops; Blue and Crimson Silk Reps Curtains, gilt frame Pier and Mantel Mirrors; Centre and Side Tables; Rosewood Etageres, Black Walnut, Mahogany and Enameled Bedsteads; Suits; Wardrobes, Bookcases, Lounges and Chairs, Hair Mattresses, Feather Bolsters and Pillows, Blankets, Oilcloths, Stair Carpets, Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c.

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at 11 o'clock, at salesrooms, 56 Chambers and 77 Reade sts.,
continuation sale of
Rare Old Wines, Liquors, &c.,
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AUGUSTUS A. SHULTZ, AUCTIONEER.—AUCTION sale Magnificent Household Furniture, on this day (Tuesday), at the elegant residence No. 29 West Fifteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, commencing at 10½ o'clock. Drawing Rooms, Suits, Pompadour sofas, covered Brussels of the richest description; marquisette bois de rose Cabinets, Etageres, Glasses, Secretaries, Bookcases, Lounges, Jardinieres, Velvet Medallion Carpets, Bronzes, Ormolu Chandeliers, Mirrors, Statuary, Oil Paintings, Curtains, Oil Paintings, by eminent artists; magnificent rosewood Parlor suite, embroidered in worsted; walnut Dressing Bureaus, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Hair Mattresses, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Hair Mattresses, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Hair Mattresses,

FRANCE.

PARIS STILL DEFIANT.

The Bombardment of the City to Begin New Year's Day.

Bishops and Priests Hunted Down by the Prussians.

THE BATTLE OF THE VILLAGES.

Magnificent Bayonet Charge by the French Troops.

THE FRENCH SLEEP ON THE BATTLE FIELD

Formidable Expedition Preparing to Embark from Brest.

English Ships in the Seine Scuttled by the Germans.

The Expulsion of the Invaders from French Soil Resolved On.

THE BOMBARDMENT AT HAND.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Paris to be Bombarded on New Year's Day—Everything in Readiness.

LONDON, Dec. 27—Morning.

I learn from private and reliable sources that the bombardment of three of the Paris forts will begin on the first day of January. These forts are situated on the south side of the city. Everything is ready and all the details arranged.

The attack and bombardment would have commenced sooner but for the considerations of the festival of Christmas entertained by the German soldiers. On the night of the New Year shells will be thrown into different parts of Paris for the purpose of establishing the range of the German guns, after which the bombardment will continue incessantly until the capitulation.

THE BESIEGED CAPITAL.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Later from Paris—The People Still Defiant—No Surrender—German Delusions Dispelled.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

The NEW YORK HERALD correspondent at Paris, writing under date of December 19, says:—

STILL DEFIANT.

The condition of the city is much better than could have been expected a month ago. The manner in which the inhabitants sustain themselves is marvelous. I should say, however, that as a rule the people are paler and thinner than formerly, and some respectable looking persons have been seen to beg in the streets. Nevertheless there is no talk of surrender, and the outcry for sorties is general. The inhabitants are determined to resist till the last grain of food is consumed.

GERMAN DELUSIONS DISPELLED.

It is believed that the Germans have become so exasperated by the resistance of Paris that after the fall of the city they will make terrible reprisals. The eyes of the world are now fixed upon Paris. The Germans can no longer boast of that superiority over the French which they have enjoyed for months, and now that the heroism of the enemy has put an end to the delusion, they have become more rational, serious and revengeful. Meanwhile the French outworks are now so far in advance of the city that you may shortly hear of the destruction of Versailles.

French Loss in the Present Sorties—Confidence of the Inhabitants Still Undiminished.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

Balloon advices from Paris to the 22d are at hand. There had been no more fighting. The French loss in the sortie of the 21st was reported at about 800. The confidence of the inhabitants is undiminished.

CLOSING UP THE SEINE.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

English Vessels Scuttled in the Seine—Their Crews Robbed.

LONDON, Dec. 27—Morning.

The Havre correspondent of the London *Times* forwards the following intelligence from that city under date of yesterday, which I transmit specially for the NEW YORK HERALD:—

The Prussians have scuttled six English vessels at Duclair, a small town situated on the Seine, a few miles from Rouen. This was done for the purpose of impeding the navigation of the river. The crews were turned adrift to sleep on the ground after they had been robbed of their money and other property.

THE GERMANS AT ORLEANS.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

French Reports of German Excesses in Orleans—Inhumanity and Sacrilege—Priests Ill-Treated—State of Affairs at Bordeaux.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

I have received a despatch from the Bordeaux correspondent of the NEW YORK HERALD, dated December 21, from which I extract the following intelligence:—

GERMAN EXCESSES IN ORLEANS.

The newspapers here (Bordeaux) state that the condition of the armies in the field is daily improving. Great excitement exists in Bordeaux in consequence of the conduct of the Germans at Orleans. Bishop Dupanloup has been subjected to the greatest indignities. It is reported that he has addressed a pastoral to the French clergy invoking the vengeance of Heaven on the "barbarians."

INHUMANITY AND SACRILEGE.

It is stated that the Cathedral of Orleans was filled with thousands of French prisoners, who were left without bread or fuel, while the Germans played the organ in derision of their sufferings.

ILL-TREATMENT OF PRIESTS.

A priest, dressed in his clerical robes and wearing the badge of the International Aid Society for the Wounded, while attending a dying soldier had his head laid open by a sabre cut. Another clergyman was shot for refusing to give information relative to to the French army camped between St. Nandre and St. Regation and Dampierre.

ACTIVITY IN BORDEAUX.

Great activity is displayed in Bordeaux in instructing the troops, and the best spirit prevails throughout the country. Men of all grades of society are ready to assist in the national defence.

THE BATTLE NEAR AMIENS.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

French Official Report—The Prussians Give Battle Between Daours and Coutay—Brave Resistance of the French—A Grand Bayonet Charge—The Battle Field at Night Occupied by the French.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 25, 1870.

General Faidherbe, commanding the Army of the North, reports as follows to the Minister of War:—

The Prussians gave us battle on the 23d instant. We were well posted, between Daours and Coutay. Our troops fought admirably during the entire day.

VILLAGES TAKEN AND RETAKEN.

Villages were taken and retaken. At five in the afternoon our success was complete. We drove the enemy before us with the bayonet. During the night the Prussians entered some villages in the valley, but they did not try to attack our positions.

THE FRENCH SLEEP ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Other reports say General Faidherbe was successful on his right and left wings, and his army slept on the field of battle, but the result was indecisive. The next day, the enemy showing no disposition to renew the fight, General Faidherbe returned to Albert.

German Official Report of the Battle.

BERLIN, Dec. 25, 1870.

King William telegraphs to the Queen that General Manteuffel won a victory on the 23d near Amiens, taking 1,000 prisoners, and commenced to pursue the French in the direction of Arras to-day.

THE BATTLE AT NUITS.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Fighting All Day—Orderly French Retreat—The New Levies Fighting Like Veterans—Losses on Both Sides.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

An account of the battle of the 18th at Nuits from French sources says the force opposed to the Prussians numbered 19,000 men and had three batteries of artillery. The combat lasted all day. At evening the French retreated in an orderly manner about a thousand yards.

THE NEW LEVIES FOUGHT LIKE VETERANS.

The Prussians abandoned Nuits on the morning of the 19th, but subsequently returned and reoccupied the place. The French put their loss at 1,200 killed and wounded, and claim that the enemy lost some 5,000 men.

FRANCE AWAKENED.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Bordeaux and the North in Communication—Bourbaki Confident—On to Paris—An Expedition from Brest—The Organization of the New Levies Hastened—The Invaders Must Be Expelled.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 25, 1870.

Telegraphic communication between this city and the north of France has been restored.

WORD FROM BOURBAKI.

General Bourbaki sends the government a favorable account of the army under his command.

ON TO PARIS.

An official despatch from Le Mans, of December 24, announces that the Prussians have withdrawn from Nogent le Rotrou. Seventy-five thousand men passed through the town going in the direction of Paris.

A FORCE FROM BREST.

A fleet of transports is preparing to leave Brest, with a considerable force, for an unknown destination.

THE NEW LEVIES.

The French government is hastening the organization of district camps for new levies.

THE INVADERS TO BE EXPELLED.

The people of Lyons are confident that the invaders will be expelled from France.

THE GERMAN ARMIES.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The German Armies in France—Numbers and Location—Garrison Duty at Home.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

The total effective force of the German armies now in France is set down in round numbers at 600,000, half of which is now before Paris. In addition to this number 100,000 men are reported on the sick list. It is estimated that 300,000 Germans have been killed or disabled since the beginning of the war.

GARRISON DUTY IN PRUSSIA

is to be entrusted to volunteers who, by reason of being under or over age, or of having served their terms, are not liable to military service.

NIGHT RIDE WITH GAMBETTA.

A Train Stopped by the Uhlans—Subsequent Escape and Pursuit.

Visit to the Army of the Loire—On the Road—The Prussians Hold the Line—Gambetta's Resolve—Uhlans Ahead—Beating a Retreat—Fired On—Trying It Again—Bad News.

TOURS, Dec. 5, 1870.

I must hasten to send you a description of my yesterday's adventures, although the fatigue they have occasioned me makes me feel hardly capable of holding my pen. Yesterday morning I was sipping my coffee and glancing at a pile of newspapers, with a boding sensation that, sooner or later, I should have to read them, when a rapid foot, or, to speak more correctly, two rapid feet, ascended my stairs, and a knock came at my door.

AN EARLY VISITOR.

"A letter," thought I, for the hour was almost too precocious for a visitor. "Come in," and in walked, or rather bounced, a familiar spirit of mine, and also of M. Gambetta—an individual unknown to fame, but exceedingly useful, both to the exalted Minister and my humble self.

"Why, Henri! I did not expect to see you arriving with this lark-like earliness."

"No, *mon cher*, but I have great news for you, for the communication of which I shall expect you to be eternally grateful. We have just had a despatch from De Paladines saying he means, after all, to concentrate his troops on Orleans, and so Gambetta means to fly over to Orleans and see the deed accomplished."

"When?"

"In about half an hour."

"How?"

"By special train."

"My dear fellow, you must arrange me a place in his suite."

After a swarm of troubles as numerous and as tiresome as a swarm of gnats this arrangement was made, and I followed the Minister to the station.

ON THE WAY.

We did not get into the same carriage with Gambetta, whom I observed at the station, looking fierce and talking a good deal. We felt very much excited about the end of our journey, as we could not but feel that it was a toss-up whether we found Prussians or French at the end of it. The train was signalled to stop at a small station we should otherwise have passed, and one of the officials was seen speaking to Gambetta at his carriage windows. Henri sprang out to hear what was going on. He presently came back, looking disturbed. "This is pleasant," said he. "They report here that the Prussians are in possession of the line near Orleans, and that we shall not get there to-night."

"Pleasant," I remarked, but once more the train moved off. We went on very slowly, several times stopping and receiving reports of the presence of the Prussians higher up.

Still Gambetta persevered till the brief wintry day was drawing to a close, and through the dull gray light and desolate cold landscape we pursued our way,

UHLANS AHEAD.

But now we approached the village of La Chapelle and suddenly came to a dead stop. What had happened? Out went our heads and up went our glasses; then we soon saw what was the matter. Uhlans were the matter. There, in advance of us, was a mass of gray and white—of horses. "A detachment of Prussian cavalry," we exclaimed simultaneously. At the same moment came a flash—a crash. They were saluting us; were firing at the train. A moment afterwards a railway official sprang out and tore madly down to Gambetta's carriage. Ere he reached it the Minister's head appeared.

"BACK TO BEAUGENCY.

"It is all right," he shouted; "back to Beaugency." Flash, crash, went the rifles once more. It seemed as if they must make a clean sweep of the train. The railway official stooped and looked scared, but in a moment he recovered himself, and ran towards the engine; one moment more and he sprang into a carriage and the retrograde movement began. It was time, for the horsemen were galloping towards us and we were favored with a fine "salvo shot" as we steamed off. "All right," repeated Henri, as we went on, "all right. If he calls that all right I wonder what he calls all wrong."

BEATING A RETREAT.

On our return to Beaugency all the railway officials and several unofficial persons came rushing up to the train. I saw Gambetta alight. He was instantly surrounded by a small knot of the curious, to whom we immediately joined ourselves. "We were unable to proceed," said the Minister to all and sundry; "but my mind is relieved, my doubts are set at rest. Our countrymen are defending Orleans as becomes Frenchmen. At La Chapelle I heard distinctly the sound of the cannon from Orleans. I must now get a carriage and push on as quickly as possible to Econis; there I trust good news awaits me. Take courage, my friends. France shall yet be saved." So saying, he lifted his hat to them, and we left the station and descended into the town. We went to the first hotel, and he took a carriage, with his immediate companions. Henri and I, after some little trouble, possessed ourselves of a horse apiece, tolerably good still, though somewhat the worse for wear.

PUSHING ON AGAIN.

By the time we were mounted the carriage was a good way ahead; but we pushed on after it. It was by this time very dark and very cold, and the roads were very slippery—in that uncomfortable state described by Dickens, when

There's frost upon the pathway and there's mud upon the track,
And the ice it isn't water and the water isn't free,
And you couldn't say that anything is what it ought to be.

However, we went on. No news was to be picked up through the villages that we passed. We stopped and inquired at various auberges, where our sudden appearances seemed to occasion great astonishment. In one, where a man came out and recognized the Minister, there was a great rush of the whole household and all the visitors to gaze upon him. But there was no news, and I do not think I was ever colder, crosser or hungrier in my life than when we at last came to our halting and dining place at Blois. I think Gambetta shared my feelings, he spoke so snappishly on the subject of food.

BAD NEWS.

Henri and I were trying to warm ourselves with some very bad brandy over the coffee room fire—Gambetta being up stairs in a private room—when we were interrupted by the soft approach of an awestruck garçon, introducing a panting messenger, sent on from the Prefecture with a despatch for the Minister; he had left word there as he went by. Henri carried the message up stairs. He remained some time, then down he came.

"It's all lost," he said; "it was a message from Freycinet, that D'Aurelle had surrendered Orleans."

"Poor Gambetta! what does he say?"

"Swears like a trooper; says the General must be brought before a court martial; that he has thrown away the best position, the finest opportunity in the world. I left him breathing only wrath. But come along; he is off to the Prefecture, where he will despatch his messages about the retreat of the army."

Gambetta and his friends came down at the moment, and his eyes gleaming and his lips menacing. "You have heard that an unhappy message has arrived," he said. I expressed my concern. "It is grievous," he said, "but the Army of the Loire is still there; the republic has yet 200,000 soldiers, well provided with the material of war. No one shall doubt—we will save the country yet." With that out he went and we followed. Till a late hour he was occupied despatching orders, and it was not till three o'clock in the morning that, jaded and half frozen, we welcomed the walls of Tours again.

BATTLE FIELD OF BEAUNE-LA-ROLANDE.

Campaigning With the Army of the Red Prince.

The Village of Beaune-la-Rolande—Bravery of the French—Not Believe in Defeat—No More Surrenders—Prussian Testimony of French Valor—The Germans Opposed to Fighting Too Far From Their Base.

PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES' HEADQUARTERS, PITHIVIERS, Dec. 2, 1870.

Leaving Versailles three days ago amid a roar of artillery such as I had never heard before in the neighborhood of the beleaguered city—in fact, I was told that the bombardment had actually commenced—I made the quickest route by way of Lonjumeau and Etampes to this place. No obstacle to the journey was interposed by the Franc-tireurs, for the whole country is now scoured by cavalry and footmen in a zone of fifty miles south of Paris, in which we met very few soldiers, only ambulance and provision trains leading to the base on the railway either at Lagny or Bar-le-Duc.

THE JOURNEY

was made as rapidly as possible, in the expectation that a great battle could reasonably be regarded as imminent after the engagement between the Prince and General Paladines on the 28th ult. But on arriving here yesterday evening all was found quiet, and, after a hurried visit to headquarters, the only thing feasible in the way of news was to make a visit to the village of

BEAUNE-LA-ROLANDE,

where the fight took place on the 28th, and afterward to ride on down to the lines beyond. I had a letter of recommendation from Count Bernstorff, which, after much wandering in search, I took the opportunity to give to General Von Stiehle, the chief of staff of Prince Frederick and the directing head of this army. The general was very busy, but, on reading the letter gave me a most cordial reception and proffered me the courtesies of his lines and quarters. On approaching Beaune the usual signs of a battle field were visible; batteries parked or in position; camping grounds, debris of arms, cannon balls, clothing, uniform caps, helmets, dead horses, dead bodies, &c.

SCENES ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Several poor Frenchmen of the line were lying stiff in the cold, with eyes wide opened up to heaven; their gaiters, red pants and gray overcoats looked so familiar to sight that it could almost be imagined that they were only resting or sleeping on the ground. But they were quite dead, being in the same attitude in which they fell wounded or killed. Over a thousand were found among the dead and wounded, and of the latter the improvised hospitals in the village are filled. They are attended to by the Prussians and the doctors of the English ambulance, who have just arrived.

THE FIGHTING

was in a measure for the possession of the little village of Beaune (a place of 400 or 500 inhabitants), and the inhabitants seem to have been rendered quite dumbfounded and despairing by the shower of shells and balls which was lately rained down over their heads. They wander about their houses and streets pale and agitated, not knowing what to come to them next, and evidently expecting that the village will be burned over their heads yet. On the 28th the French army in great force attacked the advanced brigade of the Prussians, consisting, all told, of about 5,000 men. The latter took refuge in the village and were ordered to

HOLD IT TO THE LAST MAN.

They immediately commenced hurriedly to loophole the houses, throw up a few small breastworks and pile up planks and logs to connect the bits of stone walls together, and so form a cover for themselves. At about nine o'clock in the morning the French drove in the advanced posts and shoved right around in the splendid open fields to the immediate left and right of the threatened garrison. They came up very near in overpowering numbers, surrounding the place, and yet the Prussians replied to their assaults of shot and shell until

THE PRUSSIAN GUNS CAME UP

on the ground to their relief, when, of course, Prince Frederick Charles had the better, and compelled the French to retreat to their starting point, after they had fought, however, most obstinately and bravely. They inflicted considerable punishment on the Prussians, killing and wounding over one thousand (officially recognized), and taking one gun, after cutting up an entire battery—drivers and horses killed outright. A Prussian officer told me "we had to abandon this one gun to them, for the battery being used up, we could not withdraw all the guns."

NOT KNOWING WHEN THEY ARE BEATEN.

The French lost about 2,000 prisoners, and 1,500 in killed and wounded; but no cannon or eagles were taken from them in this the second battle under the republic. The people hereabouts call it a downright French victory, and are anxiously looking for their patriot army to come marching forward any fine day to their relief and to the relief of Paris. It was a curious sight

to view this tiny village, with its one sharp steeple lifting out in relief among the broad, beautiful plains surrounding; to see the dead bodies and débris strewed immediately around it and the Prussian batteries and soldiers swarming in the streets, with the market carts very much overtaxed by customers; with the uncontented inhabitants flitting about like sneaking cats from door to door as if afraid some more shot and shell would pounce upon them. A beautiful, but a cold day; a lovely country, a frightened and suffering people, a nauseous sight of dead horses, skinned cattle and dead men made up the picture of the battle field of Beaune-la-Rolande, a small affair, probably, but a forerunner of more horrible sights to come—a specimen of

BARBAROUS, SENSELESS WAR

which all should see in reality to be made to clamor for its end. Really it is time that the public opinion of every civilized country should cry out in the name of humanity that France has suffered enough, that enough soldiers on both sides have been butchered. What is very clear the spirit of the French people is higher, more determined and fiercer. It rises daily, it would seem, just as it is palpable that their soldiers are fighting better and better as they increase in numbers and organization.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRENCH SOLDIERS.

Down here at Beaune they are said by the Prussians to have fought better than ever before. They could not take the village nor drive the Prussians, and had to retire to their original morning positions; still that they were not driven nor driven to Orleans, that Orleans was not captured in consequence of the fight, shows plainly that

THE DAYS OF WORRIT AND SEDAN OR OF PANIC ARE OVER.

The French army stand to-day drawn up to the number of 150,000 men under General Paladines, within Chassepot range of the Prussian sentinels, who are only a mile or a mile and a half out of the fought for village.

The Prussians number over one hundred thousand regulars, having three full corps, besides other detachments. However, they intend to stand on the defensive, wishing to wait for events at Paris, and not to risk anything so far from their base. Every day of delay is a gain to the French side; except that Paladines is expected, both by his own troops and by Trochu to come to the relief of Paris, and he can only get to the relief of the capital by running over the army of Prince Frederick.

"FRENCH HONOR."

Count Bismarck's Accusations Against French Military Honor.

National Reply on Behalf of the French—The Breaches of Parole Charged and Their Refutation—Appeal to King William from the "Calumnies" of the Premier.

[Translated for the NEW YORK HERALD from the French Courrier (New York), Dec. 26.]

We are well accustomed to the insolence of M. de Bismarck; but he has crowned his former acts of impertinence by endeavoring officially to pollute the honor of France. He has sent to all representatives of Prussia abroad a circular, in which he tries to heap dishonor upon our officers and our government. Unable to justify his own acts of perfidy and to elude the odium heaped upon his head through pursuing with unexampled cruelty an unreasonable and unmerciful war; unable to wash off the shame with which he soils his name in endeavoring to ruin and exterminate a country and a nation who only desire peace, he casts upon those whom he wishes to destroy the condemnation which he himself deserves, and seeks to justify his own infamy in calumniating those against whom he exercises it.

The Chancellor of the North German Confederation accuses several officers, and especially General Ducrot, of having escaped when prisoners under parole. He reproaches the French government with having upheld this breach of good faith in having given him a military command, and, finally, he declares it to be impossible to place any confidence in an army which has not protested against admitting a perjurer within its ranks, or in a government which has made itself his accomplice.

The whole of this declamation and defamation is founded upon falsehood. The conduct of General Ducrot has been both explained and justified. It is not true that he escaped from the Prussian lines while a prisoner on parole. Having refused to sign the capitulation of Sedan he simply engaged to go from that city to Pont-a-Mousson. This he did. He gave information of his intentions to the Prussian authorities, and it was not until after having thus entered into the common rights of all prisoners of war that he made his escape. The accusation named brought against General Ducrot by M. de Bismarck is but a repetition of that which has before received a victorious reply when brought forward for the first time.

The only effect is to place another act of perfidy to M. de Bismarck's account, for perfidy it surely is to reproduce an accusation when it is supposed that sufficient time has elapsed since its first appearance for its justification to be forgotten. Happily, a page of history cannot be erased, and General Ducrot's noble protestation remains to us, as well as the no less noble reply of General Trochu, approving, in the highest terms, the conduct of his fellow officer.

"The German press," said General Ducrot, inspired no doubt by competent authority, "accuses me of having made my escape while under parole; of having lost my honor and thus placed myself outside of the law, which would give the enemy the right to have me shot in case of my again falling into their hands. I care little for threats. To be shot by Prussian balls upon the field of battle or outside of a prison door the result would be the same. I should have in either case the consolation of having fulfilled to the end my duty as a soldier and a citizen, and if I leave my children no other inheritance I shall leave them a memory honored by all worthy people, friends or enemies."

The Governor of Paris replied:—

MY DEAR GENERAL.—Your conduct, both before and after the matter of sedan, gives another proof of the energy and firmness which marked your career throughout. In the midst of a disaster which overcame the bravest hearts you have refused to have any transaction with the enemy which could be construed with a treaty. You gave you parole to surrender yourself as prisoner of war at Pont-a-Mousson and this was all. And there, having officially made yourself a prisoner, thus redeeming your parole, you conceived and executed, in the face of great danger, a bold escape, by which you rendered a valiant Paris whilst loss of time. Well does the enemy know the value of your help, and this, in truth, is the only cause of complaint that public opinion of Germany has against you. Be sure that he of the Prussian army, whose royal witness I am about to invoke by forwarding your letter to him for signature, will render you justice. For ourselves we do not even require your affirmations in order to give it you. Receive this assurance, although it is equally superfluous to you, from the oldest and most affectionate of your companions in arms.

GENERAL TROCHU, Governor of Paris.

With M. de Bismarck's permission we consider General Trochu as good a judge as himself in matters of honor. The facts, however, speak for themselves and leave no ground for discussion, and it is self-evident that the Prussian Minister's circular is purely and simply an imposture and a calumny. It is he who is guilty of breaches of faith and honor; it is he whose word is undeserving of trust; it is from him that further guarantee than his signature must be required in all treaties and negotiations.

As we have already said M. de Bismarck has argued, up to the present time, that he could not treat with the government of the National Defence, as this government has no legal powers, and his present act of diplomacy has no other end but to add to this poor argument another more miserable yet; and with what object? In order to justify war *à outrance* through the pretext that there are no proper authorities with whom to make peace. But this cavilling can deceive no one. That which renders peace impossible is neither the pretended irregularity of the government nor the pretended unworthiness of our officials, but because the conditions offered are such as cannot be accepted, and M. de Bismarck knows well that so long as he proposes to the French government an impossible submission, that is to say humiliation, dismemberment and ruin, it is ridiculous to complain of the want of proper authorities to sanction his pretensions. In one sense he is right. Were it possible to find a government which would accept such a national abdication the treaty which would stipulate it would be torn into fragments by the nation. Let him offer France an honorable peace; let him show an honest wish for the end of hostilities, and accord us the respect due to our dignity and our fidelity and we will then find with whom to negotiate. It will then be time to call meetings and to ask the wishes of the nation, and the nation will hasten to declare itself. But, till then, let him cease the feigning of negotiations and parading peaceful intentions, which are but snares and falsehoods. He wishes, no doubt, that we should ask or accept an armistice—and we, too, desire one—but the difference between him and ourselves is this: he requires impossible conditions, to accept which would be an act of dishonesty upon our part; while our conditions are such as might well be allowed.

Thus, all our hope is in our courage and our arms. What Prussia desires (we have already said so many times), is the ruin of France, the destruction of our power and our nationality, and all the excuses, all the calumnies, and all the subterfuges invented by M. de Bismarck have no other object but to deceive the world in regard to this atrocity and disgrace.

But we find also in the circular in question a threat which, if followed up, is of a nature to call upon its author the execration of the whole civilized world. It says that the "breach of faith of these French officers has established in the minds of the German authorities whether it may not be necessary to subject to greater rigor those who are among them as prisoners of war."

The transition from moral parsecology is simply a threat addressed to France to suppress the consideration which has hitherto been shown to our prisoners in Germany, and to render their lives intolerable if we still refuse to submit. This is exactly what it means. It is acknowledged that our prisoners have, up to the present time, been treated according to the laws of civilized nations; but if we prolong our resistance our fellow countrymen who have fallen into the hands of our enemies will be subjected to all the rigors of captivity. And in order to excuse this infamous idea they endeavor to degrade those whom they threaten to martyr. We cannot believe in this extreme barbarism. There is, however, reason to fear that it may be more serious than we at first supposed, for it is spoken of further in a despatch from Berlin.

We shall see whether they will dare to carry out this threat. And why should they not? Our peasants are forced at the point of the bayonet to labor upon the works for besieging our cities. This is almost as horrible as it would be to put prisoners to torture in order to intimidate their countrymen through dread of, and duty for their sufferings.

EUROPE.

"No Place Like Home" for the King Elect of Spain.

The Mount Cenis Tunnel and the Modern "De Profundis."

England Most Anxious to Pay the Alabama Claims.

FENIAN REDEMPTION AT CHRISTMAS.

The London Times in Mourning Through a Melancholy Accident.

ITALY AND SPAIN.

The King Elect Spends His Christmas in Florence.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

Prince Amadeus, of Italy, King elect of Spain, was to leave Florence for Madrid at eleven o'clock this morning; but despatches sent thence as late as half-past four this afternoon make no mention of his departure.

The Mount Cenis Tunnel—The Work at Point of Completion.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1870.

The working parties in the opposite headings of the Mount Cenis tunnel are within hearing distance of each other. Greetings and hurrahs were exchanged through the dividing wall of rock for the first time at a quarter past four o'clock Christmas afternoon.

ENGLAND.

Anxious to Pay the Alabama Claims—Fenian Liberation—Sad Accident by Drowning—A Mail from the Antipodes.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1870.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is anxious that "Americans should know that England is heartily tired of the Alabama controversy, and is ready to pay any impartial money award if an adjustment can be confined thereto."

The Fenian convicts were discharged from Portland prison on Friday last.

John Walter, Jr., son of the chief editor of the London *Times*, broke through the ice while skating and was drowned.

The colonists of New Zealand are dissatisfied at the delay of the mails sent via California.

THE DISASTER TO THE ARIES.

The Steamer Aries Runs Aground Near the Delaware Capes—The First Officer and Four Men Lost While Sounding—Arrival of the Steamer at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1870.

The steamship Aries arrived at this port at four o'clock this morning, safe and sound. A HERALD reporter boarded her and received the following statement from Captain Wylie:—

We were coming up the coast on the morning of December 23, tracking the beach, same as we always do, when we got caught inside Hereford bar. This occurred at seven o'clock A. M. At ten o'clock A. M., Jephtha Sears, first mate, and four colored deck hands, Enoch Jones, Robert Currie, William Carty and Charles Hall, were sent out to make soundings. They returned in about an hour. When within a boat's length of the ship one of the men cramped his oar and the boat upset. Sears, Carty and Currie were washed away and lost. Jones and Hall kept on the bottom of the boat. Captain Wylie, second mate, chief engineer and pilot manned a second boat and went to their assistance. They were rescued, but died in one hour from excessive cold. The second boat was carried out to sea and was rescued by the pilot boat Weldon, of Cape May. Jones and Hall were taken to Cape May and buried. It was impossible to save them, although a surgeon from Cape May came in the pilot boat. Carty's and Currie's bodies were washed ashore. Sears' body was not recovered. Sears leaves a wife and child at Cape Cod. The negroes were natives of Delaware and Pennsylvania. The steamer Aries lost none of her freight; neither was she at all damaged.

The HERALD reporter asked the Captain why he run inside the lightship? The Captain laid it to vapor. The reporter suggested that the compass needle might have varied. The Captain positively declined to say whether it had, but said he was going on the same course as he always had. He intimated that the needle did vary, but as it was indicative of carelessness on his part he would not admit it point blank.

GEORGIA.

Senator Cameron Looking After the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad—The Senatorial Complication.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1870.

Atlanta papers of the 22d announce the arrival of Secretary Delano and Senator Cameron. A private letter says:—Their business is with reference to the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad, which is 136 miles in length, the Legislature of Georgia at the last session having passed a bill to lease this road for twenty years.

Although not less than seven United States Senators have, from time to time, been elected by the respective Legislatures of that State, the Legislature to assemble on the first Monday in January will elect another Senator for the vacancy which will occur on the 3d of March next. Thus the United States Senate will then, as now, have seven persons from whom to select two to represent Georgia in that body for the short term.

FIRE ON SHIPBOARD.

The Steamship Roman Damaged by Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1870.

The steamship Roman, of the Boston line, which arrived this afternoon, caught fire in some bedding in the forecastle and was damaged about nine hundred dollars. She now lies alongside the steamer Aries, at Pine street wharf.

FIRE IN POUGHKEEPSIE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1870.

A fire broke out in Connor's saloon, on Main street, this evening, and before the flames were suppressed the following stores were burned:—E. H. Pease, boots and shoes; Schwartz, clothier; Lambert, cigars; Van Wyck, hats and caps; Myers, photograph; Melrose, fancy goods; Farnum, drugs; Wilson, books and stationery; Hyde, shoes. These stores were all on Main street. On Garden street the stores of the following named persons were burned:—Kimball, engraver; Hyatt, umbrellas; also another engraving establishment. The contents were nearly all saved of Farnum's drug store, Wilson's book store and Hyde's shoe store. The loss cannot be ascertained to-night.

MORE RAILROAD SPARKS.

A fire occurred last evening in the woods of the Potter Brothers, at Washington Heights, caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The fire was fortunately extinguished before any considerable damage had been done.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

FRANKFORT BOURSE.—FRANKFORT, Dec. 25.—United States five-twenty bonds closed Saturday at 94¾ for the issue of 1862.

MAILS FOR EUROPE.

The steamship Nevada will leave this port on Wednesday for Queenstown and Liverpool.

The mails for Europe will close at the Post Office at eight o'clock A. M.

THE NEW YORK HERALD—Edition for Europe—will be ready at half-past seven o'clock in the morning.

Single copies, in wrappers for mailing, six cents.

THE RICHMOND CALAMITY.

The Burning of the Spottswood House—A Survivor's Account of the Disaster—Fearful Struggles for Life—A Woman Burned to Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1870.

Mr. A. R. Leib, a special agent of the Treasury Department, was a guest at the Spottswood House, Richmond, at the time of the fire. He states that soon after two A. M. yesterday, while in bed in the third story, he heard a sound below as if some one was breaking kindling wood. He rose and looked out of the window, but saw nothing unusual. The noise continuing, however, he commenced dressing himself leisurely, as he intended to take the next railroad train. Before leaving his room he turned off the gas, and gla cing toward the window saw a light from the outside, which he soon discovered proceeded from flames bursting from the story directly under him. He then heard a woman, whom he supposed to be the housekeeper, cry in wild alarm, "My God, the house is on fire!" He called to her to dress herself, and with the view of calming her excitement said to her that there was no danger on her side, but that it was on his. He then proceeded to knock at all the doors in the third story, to awaken the occupants of the rooms and urge them to dress themselves quickly, as the house was on fire.

Mr. Leib then descended to the second story, where he found Mr. Shure knocking at the doors, waking the guests, who were soon all up and alive to their danger. The utmost alarm now naturally prevailed, and in the general eagerness to escape the passage way of the private entrance was in a short time crowded, and owing to the pressure the doors could not be opened until, by extraordinary force, the crowd was pushed back and room was made for that purpose. The housekeeper, Mrs. Kinnerly, was the second person who awoke that morning, but perished by being cut off by the flames, having delayed in order to look after her trunk. The man having it in his possession proceeded her and barely got beyond her when the flames impeded her progress and the stairway fell. The fire, Mr. Leib says, originated in the wine room, adjoining the dining room, in the second story. Mr. Lick, one of the proprietors of the hotel, was severely burned. He rushed through the flames for his family, who, however, at that time were safe, though this fact was unknown to him. Mr. Leib says that Messrs. George and Andrews, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. Shure, wife and child, reported missing, are all safe. Mr. Leib's wife was lost on the steamer Evening Star, on the coast of Florida, in August on the 22d of February.

Eight Persons Known to be Burned in the Spottswood House—Seven Others Still Missing.

RICHMOND, Dec. 26, 1870.

John H. Holman, Jr., of Jackson, Tenn., is now known to have been burned at the Spottswood Hotel, making the eighth victim. Nathan Burnstein, of Washington, turned up safe this morning. Wilcox, of Lynchburg, and Vaden, of Chesterfield, reported missing, have turned up safe. This leaves several still missing of whose safety there is little hope.

The James river is frozen over this morning.

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE IN VIRGINIA.

The Business Portion of Harrisonburg Destroyed—Loss $100,000.

HARRISONBURG, Dec. 25, 1870.

A very destructive fire occurred here this morning, between four and five o'clock, which consumed a large number of the principal business houses in the town. The fire originated in Wall's store, and consumed a whole square before the flames were subdued. The following establishments were totally destroyed, with nearly all their contents:—The First National Bank, the semi-weekly *Enterprise* office, Wall's liquor store, Kelley's workshop, Heiferis liquor store, Smith's store and dwelling, Mrs. S. J. Cononan's dwelling, Maud A. Heller's dry goods store, Tupton's clothing store; Messrs. Silbert & Long's clothing store; Willman's barber shop, Switzer's clothing store, Anderson's livery stable, Wortman's book store, The American Hotel, on the opposite side of Main street, was considerably damaged; all the glass in the windows was broken by the intense heat. Mr. Switzer and son were badly hurt, but not seriously. The destruction of property will amount to $100,000, half of which is not insured.

SUICIDE OF A WEALTHY JERSEYMAN.

Mr. Dunn, an old resident of Beckertown, N. J., committed suicide on Saturday evening by hanging himself. He was a wealthy and highly respected citizen of the place, and his sudden self-destruction has caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood. He leaves a wife and one adult son, and was reputed worth about $150,000. The cause of his suicide is unknown.

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ANNEXATION.

Agitation on the Subject in Westchester County.

How the People Feel—How the Leaders Talk—What the Towns Need and May Gain by Joining the Metropolis—Report Against the Project—Scheme for a New City.

In order to ascertain the popular feeling throughout the southern portion of Westchester county on the at present all absorbing subject of annexation to New York, a HERALD representative has within the past few days made a tour of the several towns which it has been proposed to annex, and during interviews with some of the leading property owners in those latter obtained the following information, from which may be gathered a tolerably accurate redex of the desires, hopes and fears now commencing to animate the taxpaying population in the section named:—

Commencing with Yonkers, which ranks first in wealth, population and progressiveness, the writer called upon Ethan Flagg, a gentleman largely identified with the interests of that town, and who from an extended official connection with county affairs, is regarded as one of the chief representative men in his vicinity. On being asked what was thought of the annexation project Mr. Flagg replied, "It is a new subject, sir, and the people hardly know how to regard it until they learn what advantages the government of New York intends to give them.

WHAT YONKERS WANTS.

The citizens of Yonkers want public water works. We have an abundance of water, but it is not available for either domestic or public use. If we had a proper system of water works, such as supply New York, it would not only administer to a want now almost universally felt in our domestic life, but also, by furnishing steam power and water for manufacturing purposes, would contribute materially to the prosperity of this rapidly growing village. An adequate supply of water is our chief want, and it proves a serious obstacle to our progress. The sewers now being built in some of our streets often prove quite offensive, owing to the absence of this important element. Again, the people desire an efficient police force, similar to that in the city. I believe if we could have as reliable a body of men as those now doing duty here, under a competent and comprehensive head, the citizens would be perfectly satisfied. The people also want a compendious and uniform method of laying out, opening and working streets in the town; they are eager to see inaugurated a united and comprehensive system, managed and directed by a competent head. At present we have no system, the matter of streets and highways being under the divided control of village authorities, trustees, commissioners of highways and special commissioners appointed by the Legislature, and, as a consequence, the people look in vain for agreement of action or uniformity of design. I believe I have now stated the three principal wants of our people. Last year there was a bill introduced in the Legislature to incorporate the whole town of Yonkers into a city, but on account of objections raised by parties living outside of the village it was not pressed."

THE FEELING IN YONKERS.

REPORTER—As far as you have been able to ascertain, what is the general feeling of the people of Yonkers on the subject of annexation to New York?

Mr. FLAGG—They do not know what to think of it, not knowing the nature or designs of the proposed scheme. All the information they possess in regard to the matter is that a bill has been drawn up for presentation to the Legislature looking to the consummation of the project indicated. Many of them are opposed to the idea of allowing the control over their local affairs to pass into the hands of the New York city government, having but little faith in the integrity of those who compose it. Several of the property holders south of the village and in proximity to New York, on the contrary, say that if they are to be brought into a city at all they would prefer entrusting their interests to the city of New York rather than to the "City of Yonkers," but I think at present their desire is to be let as they are. The citizens of Yonkers are a progressive and enterprising people; they cannot—nor do they wish to—close their gates against the overcrowded inhabitants of New York;

THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF IMPROVEMENTS,

and will cheerfully pay for them; but they want the worth of their money, and this desideratum can only be attained through a municipal government, energetically, honestly and economically administered. Those who openly oppose annexation dread the thought of being, as it were, completely swallowed—interests, influence, identity and all—by the city of New York. They also seem to think that their taxes will be increased enormously. Perhaps the desire on the part of many to remain as they are may be accounted for by the circumstance that a large number of wealthy business men have settled down in quiet suburban homes, and while conscious of having all the domestic comforts that taste may suggest and affluence provide, do not like the thought of being in any way disturbed.

REPORTER—Do you not think that annexation to New York would supply those wants which you have already stated are chiefly felt by this community?

Mr. FLAGG—For my own part I believe it would; but I think a majority of the people would prefer to have them independent of New York if they could obtain them. Indeed, I do not believe that there is any considerable number of our people who would favor annexation *per se*.

REPORTER—Is not the ultimate absorption of this town by the metropolis regarded by many of the property owners as inevitable?

ULTIMATE ANNEXATION INEVITABLE.

Mr. FLAGG—Such is my belief. We can no more prevent the absorption of this territory by New York than we could arrest the current of the Niagara. In fact, it might be said that the process of absorption has already commenced, as the population in the lower part of our town has, within the past few years, increased to a greater extent than in any other portion of the metropolitan suburbs excepting Brooklyn and Jersey City. Again, it is evident that the principal avenues in New York will be continued across the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek it is highly essential that the laying out of streets in the lower portion of the town should be effected in conformity therewith, and if there is not some comprehensive system adopted now the result must entail a vast amount of expense in the future. That portion of our town comprising Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil and Mosholu, is controlled by the Central Park Commissioners, under whose direction streets are being laid out, general improvements effected and a topographical survey made of the district. In order to meet the cost of these improvements the last Legislature authorized the raising of a tax of $50,000 on property in the section controlled by the Commissioners, $10,000 of which was raised during the last year, and a tax of $20,000 is levied for the present year, leaving $20,000 yet untaxed for.

REPORTER—How do you, individually, regard the question of annexation?

Mr. FLAGG—Although not committed against the measure, if I was called upon to vote on the question this morning I would probably vote against it; but I cannot say how I would act if the project was intelligently and fairly brought before me.

It should here be stated that subsequent to the above interview the writer, during a conversation with a gentleman residing in the vicinity of Kingsbridge, was assured by him that, with scarcely an exception, the property owners in his section were heartily in favor of annexation to New York. One of the principal reasons he assigned for the desired change was that the value of real estate on the north side of the Harlem river, and contiguous to New York, would at once be doubled by the act of annexation. The somewhat utopian project of incorporating the town of Yonkers into a separate city, in order to escape the pernicious designs of the "Tammany leaders," does not meet with much encouragement, especially among the influential class of citizens. How some of these latter regard the measure may be inferred from a remark lately made by a wealthy resident of Riverdale, who, in denouncing the scheme, stated among other objections that should Yonkers be incorporated into a city he would, in all probability, "awake some morning to find himself represented in the Board of Aldermen by his coachman."

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SUBJECT.

The views of Lewis G. Morris, an influential citizen of the town of West Farms, were next sought for by the writer, who, on making known the object of his visit, elicited the following information:—To the question as to what his townspeople thought of being annexed to New York, Mr. Morris said, "There is a diversity of opinion about the matter, but a strong majority are in favor of it, provided the project can be carried out in an equitable manner. I think the time has arrived when our section of the county will have to be embraced within the limits of New York; therefore, as that result appears to be inevitable, the lands had better be taken possession of at once by the city authorities and laid out topographically to receive the metropolis when it extends to this place.

WOULD INTERESTS SUFFER?

As a taxpayer in the city and also here in West Farms, I do not think my interests in the former place would suffer by New York taking in a portion of this county, while at the same time I believe that my concerns here would be materially benefited thereby. There is a large section of the lower portion of this county nearer to the City Hall than is the upper part of Manhattan Island, and that is one of the reasons why this territory should be constituted a part of the city. The Harlem river, now forming the boundary line between the upper end of the island and the county of Westchester, should be, I think, subject to the control of one government.

REPORTER—What is your opinion of the scheme to incorporate the three lower towns into a distinct city?

Mr. MORRIS—I am not in favor of any new city being incorporated in this county, but would rather prefer that all of the seven towns originally mentioned should go in for annexation to New York; for, although I may perhaps consider the interests of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester would be sufficient to attach to the city at present, yet, if the inhabitants of the more northerly towns want to be annexed I have no right to object or raise them. Among the principal advantages we should gain by becoming a part of the city are Croton water, municipal police, an effective fire organization and a more general public school system. Suppose we organized into a new city the reverse of those would be in the matter of water alone; the requirement of a series of years and an enormous amount of money to construct suitable water works, and even then they could not be as perfect as those now supplying the city. We can obtain water infinitely sooner and at less expense by annexing ourselves to New York than we would ever hope for in a new city. If we were living in a section remote from New York I should favor the project of incorporating a New city, for the purpose of obtaining a good supply of water, an efficient fire organization and other requirements necessitated by our extent and property; but as we are in immediate proximity to New York, where these wants are already at hand, I do not see why—if the people of New York want us—this territory should not be a portion of the city. There is hue and cry made about

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in connection with the administration of the city government; but I believe that the city of New York has now as good a government as any city in the world ever had. It is composed of able men, who leave the of stamp master minds on all they perform.

REPORTER—In what light is the annexation project regarded by the mass of taxpayers in your town?

Mr. MORRIS—I believe two to one of them are in favor of it, especially on this (west side of the Harlem Railroad. Since I learn, however, that a number of taxpayers on the opposite side of the railroad do not want to be annexed, I think, to make an eastern boundary of the present line of the Harlem Railroad to the Yonkers line, this portion, including about half of the town of West Farms, together with the small section of Morrisania lying south of us, should be annexed to the proposed addition to the city. In the territory alluded to large expenditures have already been made for preliminary surveys and other improvements directed by the Central Park Commissioners, and the ground has been laid out conformably with the foregone conclusion that the city must absorb this section at no distant day. Looking to the many precedents of the kind properly I think it vastly important that we should become a part of New York, that we might be enabled to have a sufficient force of police. We are annually visited by the constant incursions of criminals from New York, who often escape the consequences of their crimes committed in our midst owing to the numerically weak condition of the present police force. Our neighbors in East Chester up in Morrisania may exercise their discretion in deciding whether or no they favor annexation, but we do not wish them to play the part of Jacob's wife in the Bible—stand aside and throw obstacles in the way of our interests being identified with New York.

WHAT IS SAID IN MORRISANIA.

James L. Purdy, a prominent citizen of Morrisania, was next interviewed and having been interrogated on the subject of annexation, responded as follows:—"I think the matter altogether premature, although I am willing to annex my property. Should it be drawn for presentation to the Legislature. My belief, however, is, that the question of annexation to New York is only one of time. We are travelling too fast in this city. Our fathers—which of them would far greater than they should be, are becoming more and more so every year. For my part I do not see the necessity of Croton water at present, and the further off a final end of the project of introducing water can obtain it by building cisterns sufficiently large instead of depending upon wells, as many of them do now. Some of the people contend that we should annex because it will increase our taxes on the fact that most of our village is composed of frame buildings, and if fire should occur it might prove disastrous in some localities; but I think that by building a few more substantial public buildings, in case of fire, the existing difficulty might be removed."

REPORTER—Do you think the present system of police in this town proves satisfactory to the property owners?

Mr. PARSHALL—As regards the police organization, it seems to me that the force, numerically considered, is abundant, provided it could be organized with a view to efficiency; the great trouble appears to be that men are appointed to the force who are wholly incompetent and unfit for the position. I do not think we are at present in need of municipal police protection; but perhaps we may be in the course of a couple of years, if not sooner.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONNECTION.

REPORTER—You are said to be opposed to the annexation scheme?

Mr. PARSHALL—The only form of annexation I am in favor of is to be joined to New York by means of an underground railroad or some other mode of connection that would furnish rapid transit. When that is achieved our prosperity may be fairly said to have commenced.

REPORTER—With your knowledge of real estate, you can, doubtless, inform me what effect annexation would have upon the value of property in Morrisania?

Mr. PARSHALL—I think it could not fail to prove a decided injury, as it would prevent people from taking up their residence with us or coming out here, when, by doing so, they would not escape from the nuisance system of taxation now felt by property holders in the city. The effect annexation to New York would have upon our taxes would be, I believe, to double them in less than two years. In short, the whole project is absolutely ridiculous in as much as we can possibly manage, and if we should transfer our local affairs to William M. Tweed & Co. I think it would be altogether beyond our control.

REPORTER—Can you form any idea of the prevailing sentiment entertained by the people of this town in regard to the proposed measure?

Mr. PARSHALL—Those with whom I have conversed on the subject appear to be about equally divided; it depends altogether on where and how they are located. For instance, people owning property on the East river, the Harlem river—its do not see but what they would be benefited by annexation. Parties owning property fronting on the Harlem river would also be benefited by the project; but such as only possess property are indifferent as to whether they are annexed or not, and consequently will neither advocate nor oppose the scheme. For the most part, however, the people are now only awaking to a consciousness of what is proposed, and are not sufficiently familiar with the nature of the project to arrive at any definite conclusion in regard to it. That, also, may be stated in regard to property position in a certain. There are some of our property owners who assert that we could not be much worse off if we sold out to William M. Tweed & Co.; but for my part I cannot take such a deplorable view of our situation.

REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE ANNEXATION.

Among the reasons given by some of our taxpayers in Morrisania who favor immediate annexation to New York are the following:—The taxes, now amounting to eight per cent on the assessed valuation of the town, with a material increase on the list of January, and also the onerous assessments; that the area of taxation, including the interest on the expenses necessary in carrying out the boulevards and other gigantic schemes; that no more than four per cent can be realized at the present time on any vacant property in the market; that it is evident that there has been little or no demand for property in the town for nearly two years past; that it annexed there will be an immediate reaction in real estate; that the annexation of the city will give the people a stronger and more efficient government; that it will afford necessary and permanent street improvements at a lower rate of assessment; that protection against fire, and reduction in the rates of insurance, and that it will encourage capitalists to invest in property now lying idle; that the present police force is disgraceful, and public use, which is much required; that they can obtain a thoroughly disciplined police force under a competent board of commissioners; that it will give them a metropolitan fire organization, with more protection from fire, and consequently a

JUDAISM.

Its Origin, History and Fundamental Doctrines.

The Fasts, Festivals and Worship of the Jews.

Progressive Judaism and the Changes It Contemplates.

PRINCIPAL SYNAGOGUES OF NEW YORK.

Among the many and strangely various forms of religious belief that flourish in the city of New York there is not one more interesting, as there is certainly not one more ancient, than that held by the children of Abraham. This faith, indeed, is the parent stock from which all our other denominations, with one or two noteworthy but not very important exceptions, have sprung. In this article it is proposed to give a brief sketch of the leading features of the creed and ritual of modern Judaism, together with a few items as to its present material aspects.

THE ORIGIN

and early history of Judaism are known to every schoolboy. Just as the world was emerging from its infancy, and while the greater portion of its surface was as yet an unpeopled solitude, one among the many nomad chiefs who wandered with their families and servants and flocks across the treeless wastes of the plain of Shinar was selected by the Almighty to be the founder of a race that should preserve through many ages the knowledge and worship of the true and living God. This was Abraham, and the revelation of the deeper realities of the spiritual universe, of which he was the chosen recipient, forms the base of the Jewish as it does also of the Christian religion. This revelation, however, was but an instalment of the fulness of the entire truth; and such as it was, for several generations was preserved only in the shape of oral tradition, and was accompanied by but very few and very simple religious observances. Indeed, circumcision is the single rite belonging to that era of which we have any clear record, and it is pretty certain that the greatest of the patriarchs did not observe any special day of rest, the institution of which, though it dated back to the creation itself, was, doubtless for wise reasons, concealed from him.

THE WRITTEN LAW.

When the Hebrews had grown into being a numerous people, and when, freed at last from the yoke of Egyptian slavery and delivered out of the house of bondage, they were being led back to the land promised to their great progenitor, Divine Wisdom gave them, through the medium of their leader, Moses, a deeper insight into the mysterious and awe-inspiring verities of the spiritual world; and a rule of life, the observance of which would insure an eternal reward, was promulgated amid the thunders of Sinai. Thus sprung into existence a creed which has flourished already four thousand years, and around which, during all that long period, have clustered the hopes and aspirations of one of the most intellectual of races.

The fundamental principle of the Jewish faith, as established by Moses, was the recognition of one Supreme Being. Monotheism is, beyond all doubt, the corner stone, the mainspring, the inner and allpervading essence of Judaism. The one truth taught by Moses was that which had already been given to Abraham, that there was but one God, a living and a jealous God; and Hebrew theologians, into whatever seemingly barren paths they may apparently sometimes wander, ever revert to this as the cardinal doctrine of their faith. And in the present day the modern Israelite is taught beyond all other things to cherish this grand fact; he is invited to ponder upon it in the silence of his closet, and in the services of the synagogues it is pressed with nevertiring vehemence upon his attention. Looking at the following list of attributes, it will be noticed how persistent and earnest are the endeavors of the Jewish theologians to grasp, so far as human finite intellects can attain to such knowledge, the nature of the Deity. "Concerning God," says one of them, "we are taught to believe that He is spirit; most holy and pure; incorporeal and indivisible; eternal and immutable; the one and only one to whom none can be compared; to whom no likeness can be ascribed; omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; all good, but all just; supremely intelligent, merciful and beneficent; the great I Am; the beginning and the end; the first and the last; the reason, the life and the motion of all beings; the producer of everything; the eternal king, lord, ruler and preserver of the world; the only Creator, and the sole Saviour of the world."

This and the other cardinal doctrines of the Jewish creed are embodied, by Maimonides, in the following

THIRTEEN ARTICLES,

which are now taught in every Jewish school:—

I. I believe with a perfect faith that God, blessed be His name, is the Creator and Governor of all created objects, and that He alone has made, does make, and will ever make all things.

II. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is the one and only God. There exists no unity whatever like unto His. He alone is our God, who was, who is and who ever will be.

III. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is incorporeal. He is not subject to any of the changes that happen to bodily substances, and there is nothing whatever that can be compared to Him.

IV. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is the first and last of all things.

V. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator alone, blessed be His name, ought to be worshipped, and that it is not proper to pray to any other being.

VI. I believe with a perfect faith that all the words of the prophets are true.

VII. I believe with a perfect faith that the prophecy of Moses, our teacher (may his soul rest in peace), is true; and that he excelled all the wise men who were before him, and all who came after him.

VIII. I believe with a perfect faith that the whole of the law now in our possession is the same law that was given to Moses, our teacher (may his soul rest in peace).

IX. I believe with a perfect faith that the law will never be changed, neither will there be any other law given by the Creator (blessed be His name).

X. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator (blessed be His name) knows all the actions and thoughts of man; as it is said:—"He fashioneth alike their hearts, He is fully acquainted with all their works."

XI. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator (blessed be His name) rewards all those who keep his commandments, and punishes those who transgress them.

XII. I believe with a perfect faith that the Messiah will come; and although His coming be delayed, I will still daily hope and expect His speedy appearance.

XIII. I believe with a perfect faith that there will be a resurrection of the dead, at the time when it shall please the Creator; blessed be His name for ever and ever. Amen.

Maimonides adds:—"Whoever shall believe all these fundamental articles to be true enters into the bosom of Israel, and is entitled to receive from us all those demonstrations of brotherly love and good will which God has enjoined us to show toward each other; and is bound to love his neighbor and brother with all his heart, according to all that God hath commanded; and however many or great sins he may have committed from mental infirmity, after he shall have been punished for them in this world he shall participate in the happiness of the world to come. But if any man shall deny one of these fundamental doctrines, he is fallen from the bosom of Israel, has denied a foundation of the faith, and is to be esteemed a heretic, an epicurean and a destroyer of plants; wherefore we are bound to persecute him with every odium and injury, according to the psalmist, 'Shall not I hate him, Lord, that hateth Thee?'"

THE CEREMONIAL LAW.

The existence of an only God, the more obvious principles of general morality, the institution of the Sabbath, and the Ten Commandments, with "Thou shalt not covet," were thrown together by Moses, in the Decalogue, which is accepted by Christians and Israelites alike as containing what should be the guiding principles of the ideal life. In addition to this moral law, Moses promulgated by Divine command a number of ceremonial statutes and precepts, comprising, so we are told by the Rabbies, 365 positive and 248 negative obligations. Many of these last are now, owing to the dispersion of the Jewish people, obsolete, but the essential part of them are still observed. They comprise, in addition to numerous provisions for the conduct of religious ceremonies, many sanitary rules for the preservation of health and cleanliness, obligations to provide for the relief of the poor and the stranger, and laws requiring an exact regard for moral equity between the children of the chosen race.

Thus is the groundwork of the Jewish faith, but before an account of its ceremonial features is entered upon it is well to glance at the huge overgrowth of traditional articles of belief and traditional rites which have risen up around it.

THE JUDAISM OF THE SECOND TEMPLE.

While the Jewish monarchy remained intact their faith preserved the form given to it by its founder, Moses. But upon the return of the Jews from the Babylonish captivity, the building of the second temple, and the restoration at Jerusalem under Ezra, Haggai, Nehemiah and others of the Jewish faith, as passed into a stage of constant development, which continued until the destruction of the Holy City by the Romans. Under the later prophets just named the Scriptures were collected, authenticated and arranged into a canon, and the Mosaic code was again systematically established. But, in addition to this, certain new obligations, founded only on the authority of contemporary scholars and wise men, were tacked on to the original system, and from time to time, in the immediate future, further additions of this character were made. Up to the date of the second temple the priests were the great ecclesiastical authorities of the Jewish Church. But now a new class of men, a sort of inner hierarchy—doctors or rabbis—came into prominence, whose business it was to define the meaning and relative importance of the Oral Law, in the ceremonial excrescences upon the old faith were termed.

It would be out of place to trace forward the further history of Judaism, and to show how gradually three great parties divided its ranks—the Pharisees, who carried their respect for ceremony to the utmost degree; the Sadducees, the rationalists, who accepted only the mere letter of the original Mosaic code; and the Essenes, who made conspicuous the purely spiritual doctrines of the creed, and who built upon it a somewhat visionary rule of life.

At present the Jews divide their

SACRED BOOKS,

which correspond to the Old Testament of the Christians, into three groups—the Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Hagiographa. There are also some paraphrases of the Scriptures from the original Hebrew into the Chaldean tongue, which during the Babylonish captivity had become the vernacular tongue of the Israelites. These are treated with the greatest respect, though many of them are rather renderings of the sense and spirit than of the letter of the original Scriptures. And besides these writings there is a book which some Christian writers have stated, though not truthfully, to be regarded by the rabbis with more veneration than even the Scriptures themselves—the Talmud.

THE ORAL LAW.

This last book has been so sharply and so ignorantly criticised in many quarters that some explanation of its origin and of its value is without interest. The Jews acknowledge two laws which are authoritative—one, the written law, delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai, and the other an unwritten explanation of it which was handed down from generation to generation. This last ought, in strict right, never to have been enshrined in written form; but after the return from the captivity the Rabbi Jehuda, fearing that at the present rate of intellectual activity these traditions would be lost, collected, arranged and wrote them down. This book was entitled the "Mishna," and forms the first section of the Talmud. Subsequently later Rabbi Jochanan, in view of the doubt that overshadowed many parts of the "Mishna," collected the authoritative explanations of its disputed passages, and compiled them into the "Gemara, or Commentary. The "Mishna" and the "Gemara" together form what is called the Jerusalem Talmud. There is yet another "Gemara," which is distinguished as the Babylonian, and this is now the only one which is considered to the same degree of respect as the first one. The reason given by a learned rabbi for the existence of this Talmud is somewhat interesting. The Israelites, when the law had been added to the written law, the whole law would have been obscure and unintelligible. For, in the first place, there are scriptures repugnant and contrary to each other; secondly, many of the laws in the written law is imperfect, and comprehends not all that is necessary to be known." In another place the same writer assigns the reason why God would not have taught the whole law in writing, but by word of mouth, to be "because God foresaw that the nations of this world would copy out the twenty-four books which are contained in the Law, the Prophets and the Hagiographa, and would cause them to heresy and impiety; he delivered to Moses an oral exposition; nor would he allow it to be committed to writing till the sects of the Edomites and Ismaelites had arisen, lest this also should be translated by the Gentiles, and perverted to the same evil purpose as the written law. In the world to come God will inquire who and what were the sects of the Gentiles, and of the Israelites, shall produce the books of the law, and they shall both affirm themselves to be his children. Therefore God will inquire again with whom he has inspected such a book as was delivered on Mount Sinai. At this all shall be dumb, and not one, except Israel, will be found to have any knowledge of it."

A short sketch will now be given of the principal fasts, festivals and ceremonies of the Jews. Among the festivals the principal are the Passover, Pentacost, Tabernacles, the feasts of the New Moon and the New Year, the Feast of Dedication and the Feast of Purim.

THE PASSOVER.

The story of the institution of this feast is familiar to all. It commemorates the last and greatest of the judgments that persuaded the Egyptians for the tenacity with which they refused to let the chosen children of the living God go forth from the house of bondage—that dreadful passing of the destroying angel over all the land of Egypt, smiting the first born male child in every house. This festival is held on the fifteenth day of the month Nisan, and lasts for all alike except those who live in or near Jerusalem, eight days. The Sabbath preceding it is known as the "great Sabbath," and is usually marked in the synagogues by a special discourse on the rabbinical regulations which the law provides for the proper observance of the coming festival. During the whole period of the feast the people are required to eat unleavened bread, and they are forbidden even to allow the presence of leaven in their houses. Two days before the beginning of the feast, in the evening, the head of each house collects all the leaven he can find in his dwelling and having placed it in a vessel burns it the following day before noon. As soon as the leaven is burned, as much unleavened bread as will be required through the festival is made. This bread consists of large, round, thin cakes of simple flour and water. During the festival no fermented drink may be used. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month there is a special service in the synagogue, after which there is in each house a feast of bread and bitter herbs (such as lettuce, parsley, celery and horseradish) and wine. As soon as the household are gathered round the latter the master of the house says grace, and then, leading them to his left arm, drinks a glass of wine, the whole company following his example. Each person then dips some herbs in vinegar and eats them. Another benediction is pronounced and the host, breaking his unleavened cakes (like flat cake (there are only three cakes), breaks it in two, replaces one of the pieces between the two whole cakes, and conceals the other piece under his plate or under the cushion of his chair. Each person present is then taken from the table and the plate containing the cakes being lifted up by the hands of the whole company they unite in rehearsing the following:—"This is the bread of affliction which our fathers did eat in Egypt. Whoso hungers, let him come and eat; whoso needs, let him come and eat of the paschal lamb. This year we are here; next year we will be free. This year we are servants; the next, God willing, we shall be free—children of the family and lords." The feast then proceeds, after the recital of psalms and hymns and additional benedictions, the circumstances which led to the institution of the feast. One of the features of the festival is that each person present must drink four glasses of wine, the last glass being accompanied by the singing of a psalm of Scripture, calling down the Divine vengeance on all the enemies of Israel.

The same ceremony is repeated the following day. The principal days of the festival are the first two and the last two, and these are celebrated by services in the synagogue and a Sabbatical abstinence from labor. The intermediate days are not observed quite so strictly, but no one is permitted to carry on any servile labor.

PENTECOST.

This festival is kept on the sixth day of the month Sivan, and is called by the Jews the Feast of Weeks, because it was fixed at the end of the seven weeks from the offering of the omer, or sheaf. It is also sometimes spoken of as the Feast of First Fruits. It lasts two days and is observed by special services in the synagogues and an abstinence from work. In the services the book of Ruth is always read and the six hundred and thirteen formal precepts of the law are publicly rehearsed. It is said that this season of the year, according to tradition, that the law was delivered on Mount Sinai. A prayer for the dead is a feature of the service on the morning of the second day.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

This festival commemorates the wanderings of the chosen seed in the wilderness and lasts nine days. According to the old practice every Jew who had a garden was required to construct in it a tabernacle of wood, in which he was to dwell through the feast. This is now pretty well obsolete, and the observance of the festival is confined to services in the synagogue and abstinence from labor. During certain portions of the services each Israelite holds in his hands branches or twigs of various trees and marches in procession round the altar. The principal days are the last two, the last especially, being even accounted a festival by itself, and named "the day of the rejoicing of the law." On this day three manuscript copies of the Pentateuch are taken out of ark and carried round the altar and laid upon the desk. After that three persons read three different portions, one portion from each manuscript.

THE FEAST OF NEW MOONS

is, of course, held every month, but only the women are required to abandon servile work. The frequency of the festival prevents its being of very great importance.

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

lasts eight days and commemorates the purification of the Temple and the dedication of the new altar of burnt offering, after the deliverance of Jerusalem from Antiochus Epiphanes. It does not involve the suspension of labor, and the religious services attending it are not very important. It is sometimes called the feast of lights, in consequence of a tradition which is rather interesting. After the cleansing of the Temple we are told the priests lit the lamp which was to burn continually before the Lord, but could only find oil enough to feed it for one night, while it would take eight days to prepare a fresh supply. A miracle, however, was worked to enable them to keep up the divine flame. This small portion of oil by the aid of the Almighty lasted all through the eight days. To commemorate this, on the first day of the festival, one light is lighted in the synagogue, on the second day two, on the third three and so on, adding a light each day until the close of the feast.

THE FEAST OF PURIM

is also a festival of comparatively recent institution, and commemorates the delivery of the Jews from the wicked design of Haman. The book of Esther is read in the synagogues, and whenever the name of Haman occurs, the whole congregation clap their hands, stamp their feet and call out "Let his name and memory be blotted out. The name of the wicked shall rot." The festival is kept up with the greatest possible appearance of rejoicing, as we, who live in New York, have ample reason to know, the Purim ball being one of the great social events of each season.

With the exception of the Day of Atonement.

THE FASTS

do not require any very extended notice. The principal are the fast of Gedaliah, in memory of the murder of Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam; the fast of the Tenth Month in memory of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar; the fast of Esther, in memory of her fast of three days and nights before she attempted to stir the heart of the great king in favor of her people, and the fast of Ab, which celebrates the burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. These fasts are kept with, more or less strictness, by abstinence from food and labor from sunset till sunset and by various religious observances.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

is by far the most solemn day of the whole Jewish year. It is held on the tenth day of the month Tisri. The first ten days of this month are called days of penitence, and are marked by the addition of prayers and confessions to the usual daily supplications. On the sabbath preceding the fast it is usual for the rabbi to earnestly exhort the people to repentance. It is the accepted belief that during these ten days God examines every human life, beginning on the first day of the festival of the new year (the first day of Tisri) and continuing through the next eight days until, on the tenth, the Day of Atonement, He passes sentence. In one of the prayers a passage explains this belief as follows:—"On the first day of the year it is inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement it is sealed and determined how many shall pass by and how many shall be born; who shall live and who shall die; who shall finish his allotted time and who shall not; who is to perish by fire, by water, by the sword, by wild beasts, by hunger, by thirst, by an earthquake or by the plague, by strangling or by being stoned to death: it is determined who shall be at rest and who shall be wandering; who shall remain tranquil and who shall be disturbed; who shall reap enjoyment and who shall be painfully afflicted; who shall grow rich and who shall become poor; who shall be cast down and who exalted. But prayer, penitence and charity can avert the evil decree." Before this solemn fast, fraught, according to the Jewish belief with such awe-inspiring results, begins, each Israelite endeavors to settle any disputes in which he may have become involved and to make at peace with all the world. In the afternoon preceding the feast he makes a hearty meal, and then until sunset the following evening he fasts absolutely, "taking no manner of sustenance not even a drop of water."

The religious services begin at sunset, the synagogue being splendidly illuminated with wax candles, which burn night and day till the close of the fast. Nearly all the Israelites present in the synagogue all night and throughout the day until sunset, but those who retire to their homes assemble again at six o'clock in the morning, remaining all the remainder of the day. The services consist of elaborate confessions of sin and entreaties for mercy and forgiveness. When, at last, sunset arrives, the cornet announces the close of the fast.

THE ORDINARY SERVICES

of the Jews have been left till now, because their institution is of a later date than the solemn rites whose leading features have been described. Synagogue worship is indeed comparatively a modern institution; it was unknown in the primitive days of the Jewish Church, and sprung up after the Second Temple. Previous to that there had been a general and strict observance of the Sabbath, and frequent religious gatherings for common supplication, but regular services were unknown.

SYNAGOGUES

vary, of course, very much in their architectural beauty and the richness of their appointments; but there are some features in which they all agree. According to the strict law, the synagogue should be so built that one end shall look toward Holy Land, this is now not very strictly observed, though the Jews turn their faces thitherward when engaged in prayer. The main feature in every synagogue is the ark, a small closet hung with curtains, and typically representing the ark of the covenant. In this the roll of the law, used in reading the public lessons in the synagogue, is deposited. This roll must be in manuscript, written with ink of a peculiar character, and, according to numerous directions, a failure in any of which destroys the value of the sacred volume. The roll consists of long strips of parchment, sewed together with thongs cut out of the skin of some clean animal, and it is rolled up from both ends on two wooden staves. It is usually encased in linen or silk. After the ark a reading platform, generally near the middle of the room, arrests attention. This is the desk or altar from which the law is read and sermons delivered and is usually large enough to allow of several persons to be present on it at one time. The floor of the synagogue is filled up with long benches, more or less luxuriously furnished, and a number of lamps and chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling. Close by the door there are usually little boxes to receive the contributions of the charitable towards the relief of the poor. In the old orthodox synagogues the women are separated from the men, and are accommodated generally in a gallery, or, if they are on the same floor with the men, a screen shuts them off from observation. The new synagogues, however, disregard this rule, and the sexes are united. All Jews keep their hats on in the synagogue.

The general character of

DIVINE SERVICE

among the Jews is extremely simple. It consists on ordinary occasions merely of the reading of the law, the recital of prayers, the chanting of psalms and the delivery of sermons. Many changes have recently taken place in many congregations in the language used. Formerly Hebrew was the only tongue used, but now the vernacular is employed in many of the more liberal and progressive synagogues. Women, too, are now permitted to join with the men in the choir—an innovation of very modern growth. In the olden time, too, much longer portions of the sacred Scriptures were read at each service than now. There are daily services in all synagogues.

And now we naturally come to one of the best known features of the Jewish faith—a feature which has been more or less perfectly copied by the various Christian sects—

THE SABBATH.

The Jewish Sabbath is reckoned, after the Asiatic manner, from sunset to sunset, and lasts therefore from one Friday evening till Saturday at the setting of the sun. The injunction of the Decalogue "to do no manner of work," &c., is observed with painful exactitude. The rabbies have defined the works forbidden on the Sabbath under thirty-nine general heads, and it will be seen from the list that they cover pretty thoroughly every known branch of industry. These are the things that are forbidden—"ploughing, sowing, reaping, binding sheaves, threshing, winnowing, sifting, grinding, boiling, kneading, cooking, clipping, washing, combing, spinning, winding, warping or weaving, dyeing, tying, untying, sewing, braiding, separating fastening with wedges or pins, building, demolishing, striking with a hammer, hunting, fishing, killing, flaying, taking the hair off from hides, cutting in pieces, writing, blotting out, ruling paper, kindling fire, quenching it, carrying anything out of doors into a street or public place."

Of the

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS

of the Israelites, such as circumcision and the various ceremonies for celebrating marriages and conducting funerals, nothing need be said, as to give minutely the details of each rite, interesting as it might be, would require much more space than can possibly be devoted to them in a daily paper.

We now turn from orthodox Judaism to its present

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS.

This faith, after a short era of Christian denominations, has been recently stirred to its profoundest depths by that eager spirit of inquiry and that restless movement ever forward through change and innovation to a brighter land which seem more than anything else to mark the age we live in. The modern Jew, like the modern Gentile, is eagerly examining the very basis of his hereditary creed, looking carefully at them from every intellectual standpoint with the cold eye of impartial criticism, and earnestly endeavoring to brush away the thick flints of error and obscurity that have by slow and successive stages overlaid them during the sluggish march of forty centuries. In short, there is a "progressive school" of thinkers in the ranks of Judaism, as there is also an advance guard of intellectual warfare in the ranks of Christianity.

It is, perhaps, in somewhat bad taste to hazard a guess as to how it is that after remaining almost stationary for nearly two thousand years—that is to say, from the conclusion of the Talmud to about fifty years ago—Judaism has at length begun to show signs of internal activity and growth. But the reason seems so plain that it shall be confidently suggested. It is certain that the centuries of the middle ages correspond exactly to that long and dreary period during which it was a crime of the most heinous dye to avow one's self akin in blood to Solomon and Moses, to Elijah and David. Is there any connection between this universal external persecution and this unbroken internal repose of religious thought? Is it not rather clear that the Jew and the Christian, the one located in Europe, to despise and to persecute the seed of Abraham, and the other educated to fear, to detect and to annoy the believers in the Cross, being thus separated from each other by a bridgeless gulf of bitter animosity and long-cherished enmity, necessarily failed altogether to religiously influence each other? Here and there, perhaps, an individual member of either race broke through the traditional prejudices of his people, but the grand masses of men on both sides ceased in any way to exercise any reciprocal influence upon each other. But now that in nearly every civilized country the Israelite enjoys the same social and political advantages as the Gentile, and is among the more advanced peoples even welcomed as a brother, both Jew and Gentile begin to act upon each other, not only socially, but even religiously. That is perhaps the only way in which can be explained the now widespread tendency among progressive Jews to approximate Judaism, not exactly to Christianity, but to certain forms of religious belief—Unitarianism, for instance—which prevail among us.

The more radical progressive Jews, indeed, contemplate nothing short of the conversion of the whole human race to Judaism. Thus they excise the entire national element of the Jewish faith, throwing overboard all observances which appeal merely to the Israelite and not to the man. But the following extract from a recent book eloquently gives the present advanced opinion on this head:—

"Israel still is the only bond which holds up to mankind the mystic tie of the Hebrew tongue; for Israelites have still to work together for the accomplishment of their heavenly mission. The time, however, will assuredly arrive when, with God's blessing, every vestige of error, of idolatry, of false belief, of bigotry, of superstition, of ignorance will be banished from the earth; when all the petty differences which various religions have hitherto built up to separate the children of one eternal Father will become merged in a raising bond of union; when there shall be no more Jews, no more Christians, no more Mohammedans, no more pagans; when the world will no longer resound with the clamor of opposing doctrines; when all mankind will be regenerated by God's divine ruler; when all mankind will hail each other as brothers and rejoice in the glorious title of man; when there will be but one God and one religion, one kingdom and one temple, one Creator and one human family."

Truly a noble dream, but one which, as the Rev. Raphael d'C. Lewin adds, "will unfortunately not be realized for ages to come."

THE REFORMED SCHOOL

have already done much to denationalize their creed. The services in their synagogues are in the vernacular tongue, the sexes are not separated, and each one of many features of the ceremonial law have been allowed to fall into desuetude, and some of the fasts and festivals are altogether ignored; and in sentiment they have even advanced much further. Thus Samuel, in regard to the destruction of the Temple, the book already quoted boldly states:—"It was indeed a blessing to Israel and to the world that the Jewish nationality was destroyed when the Temple was destroyed and the Jews scattered into the four corners of the earth. To Israel it was a blessing because thenceforth every Israelite became a seed which, sown into different portions of the world, was hereafter to become a tree the fruit of which should be even as the fruit of knowledge, giving instruction to all men." And again:—"Truly the mind of Ab, the day when God wisely destroyed our existence as a people forever—wisely dispersed us among all nations forever—is becoming more and more recognized as a day of honor and triumph, a day to be commemorated by the purest feelings of joy and gratitude." Thus it will be seen that the modern Jew believes neither in an actual advent of the Messiah nor the restoration of the Jews to their birthright. The reign of the Messiah is to be a purely moral millennium, which a previous extract so eloquently described.

At present, however, it is only a small section of the Jews who hold the extreme doctrines of radical progressive Judaism, though the rigidly orthodox can boast even fewer disciples, at any rate in the city of New York. The mass of Israelites hold a middle course, and while they are willing to accept sweeping changes as are proposed, but certainly the tendency of most Jewish congregations seems in that direction.

In New York, at the present time, there are at least fifty thousand Israelites. For the purposes of religious worship they have about thirty synagogues, which represent almost every imaginable variety in point of architectural importance and the handsomeness of their internal appointments. The finest synagogue, by general consent, is that of Emanu El, a lengthy description of which has already appeared in the columns of the HERALD. Most of its members are Germans; indeed, at least two-thirds of all New York Israelites belong to the same nationality. This temple is also distinguished as the Reform School; the sexes mingle together indiscriminately, there are female singers in the choir, and a great part of the service is conducted in a modern language. The synagogue is chiefly attended by men as that on Thirty-fourth street, which is also decidedly conservative. The oldest synagogue is that on Nineteenth street, of which the Rev. Mr. Lyons is pastor. The founders of the congregation were Portuguese Jews, who came to this city nearly two hundred years ago, in the old Dutch times. Of course the present members are almost entirely of German descent, and the congregation has the reputation of being extremely wealthy. Another very influential synagogue, consisting almost entirely of American and English Jews, is that on Forty-first street. There is also a very fine temple on Thirty-ninth street, with a radical progressive German congregation. To show the Jewish nationalities present in the city it may be stated that there is in addition to the above, English and German synagogues alluded to, a Polish synagogue (strict orthodox) on Allen street; a Bohemian synagogue on Fourth street, near avenue C; a Hollander synagogue on Madison street and a French synagogue on Sixth street.

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Mr. Barnes was born in Rome, N. Y., December 1, 1798. While working in his father's tannery he pursued his studies so closely that he prepared himself for college, and entered Hamilton College, New York, whence he graduated in 1820, at the age of twenty-two. After pursuing a theological course at Princeton College, New Jersey, he received his license to preach, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Morristown, N. J., in February, 1825. In 1830 he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, and presided over that congregation until within a few years ago, when age and infirmities compelled him to resign. As a pulpit orator Mr. Barnes had few equals upon the American Continent. His manner was peculiarly winning and his language strong, concise and convincing. Some eloquent divine has portrayed the more lovely and touching truths of the Gospel which he taught; and it was this peculiar eloquence which won him such a place in the hearts of his congregation. Mr. Barnes was, also, extensively and justly appreciated as a writer than as a preacher. His numerous writings, and "Bible Commentaries" in particular, have earned him a world-wide reputation. His "Notes on the Gospels" probably were the most popular Protestant theological works ever published, more than a million copies of the English edition alone having been printed. They have been extensively republished and adopted by theological text-books in the Old World. His "Life of St. Paul," "Evidences of Christianity" and "Scriptural Views of Slavery" also obtained a wide circulation. At the close of the Presbyterian Church, in 1832, Mr. Barnes sided with the New School party, and was the leading spirit in that branch of the Church for many years. One of the most interesting incidents of the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia last spring was the fraternal visit of nearly fifty of the alumni of Hamilton College, of which, with a single exception, Mr. Barnes was the oldest living alumnus. Mr. Barnes preached his last sermon on Sunday, the 18th, to the inmates of the Philadelphia House of Refuge, and was in apparent perfect health up to the moment of his sudden demise.

Captain Minor Knowlton.

This gentleman died at Burlington, N. J., on the 24th inst., in the sixty-sixth year of his age. In the year 1825 he entered West Point, from Connecticut, and in 1829 he was appointed Brevet Second Lieutenant of the First artillery. He filled many positions in the capacity of military instructor. Captain Knowlton wrote some works which have attracted attention. His work on "Notes on Gunpowder—Cannon and Projectiles," was published in 1840, and was favorably received. Desirous of seeing service abroad, he, in the year 1845, attached himself to the staff of the French Marshal Bugeaud, and served with the French army in Algeria. At the time of his death Captain Knowlton was still in the service. All who knew him speak kindly of his many sterling traits of character.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Colonel A. L. Harrison, a grandson of the late ex-President Harrison, died last week at Indianapolis, Indiana, aged thirty-eight years.

Dr. A. B. Earle's visit to Raleigh, N. C., converted some five hundred persons, among them the Governor, and this great revival is still in progress.

Mary Jane Henderson, of Raleigh, N. C., has one husband in the penitentiary and two have been hung for murder.

The Cincinnati *Chronicle*, the Western Court Journal of the administration, says that Miss Nellie Grant, daughter of the President, is soon to be married to a young man in Covington.

ROUND FOR LOWER CALIFORNIA.—Annexed is a list of passengers by the schooner Selma, which sailed for Magdalena Bay, Lower California, yesterday:—Colonel D. T. Hungerford, Charles D. Wallace, Brant Seguine, Emanuel N. Zerman, James S. Wilson. Following are the passengers by the Newton Booth for Magdalena Bay, sailing yesterday:—Fred. R. Carrick, E. A. Manning, Margarita A. Navarete, Mary Navarete, George T. Boardman, J. W. Griffes, C. R. Hunt, D. A. McKee, Samuel Granger, Henry Allari, Martha Navarete, Sarah Wilson, Alfred Wheeler, Arrierto M. Cordova, F. G. Angulo, Y. W. Bowales, Gregorio Urrolagoitia, G. W. Kimball, James Lawrence, M. Winterfield, Rasmus Olsen, James Cole.—*San Francisco Bulletin, Dec. 16.*

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A CLOSE HOLIDAY.

The social celebration of Christmas has been observed as a "close" holiday, as it is termed in Wall street. The various boards stand adjourned to Tuesday morning. We repeat the latest prices of the leading speculative stocks:—Western Union Telegraph, 45¾ a 45½; Pacific Mail, 39¾ a 39¾; New York Central Consolidated, 91 a 91¼; New York Central scrip, 87¼ a 87¾; Erie, 23¾ a 24; Reading, 98½ a 98¾; Lake Shore, 91¾ a 91¾; Northwestern, 70¾ a 70¾; do. preferred, 81 a 81¾; Rock Island, 103¾ a 104; St. Paul, 55¾ a 56¾; do. preferred, 80 a 80¾; Wabash, 48¾ a 48¾; Ohio and Mississippi, 27¾ a 27¾; Boston, Hartford and Erie, 2¾ a 2¾. Gold closed Saturday at 110¼ a 110¾.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The money market has absorbed unusual attention during the past few weeks, owing to its great activity and occasional stringency.

AT CHICAGO

the topic is treated in the following full and interesting manner by the *Tribune* of Saturday:—

Among the causes which aid to make money tight at present, but which must soon disappear, and, on the other hand, contribute to make money abundant soon after the 1st of January, is the unusual accumulation of currency in the National Treasury to the amount of $30,000,000, which is fully double what it has been customary to retain in the Treasury at this season of the year, when the currency is needed in the West to move the hog crop and in the South to market the cotton crop. Until quite recently the effect of this accumulation of currency in the Treasury was not severely felt, because the mild weather of the fall had been unusually prolonged, and the first of the two above mentioned great crops had not begun to move. But the weather of the past week has caused great activity in this line and rendered the scarcity of money felt to a much greater because it has been deferred so long. Complaints of Mr. Boutwell's new policy of hoarding currency are now becoming general, and as he will probably be influenced by these influences in his quarterly purchases, which have been unaccountably limited lately—considering the large balances of both gold and currency in the Treasury—the result will be that the Treasury accumulation of currency will be set afloat to increase the abundance of money that would be experienced anyhow, after the 1st of January, and that the Secretary will buy bonds at a higher price than he could buy them for now. It is not probable that any human being could conduct the affairs of the United States Treasury without becoming the subject of a great deal of unfavorable criticism. In fact, intelligent and continuous criticism by the public press is what any chief executive of the Treasury should look for, and yet it is a business of finding out when any particular policy was being pushed beyond reasonable limits and becoming harmful to the business interests of the country. But there are certain periodical movements of capital, which may be expected with such regularity that the Secretary of the Treasury ought to anticipate them and prepare for them as much as he does for the payments of interest, and for the return of the loans. The country always requires more currency during the period from September 1 to the middle of December than at any other season of the year, and during that period it should be the object of the Treasury to run its currency balance as low as is safe. As long as there is no reduction of taxation and no deferred policy in regard to a resumption of specie payments, and, therefore, no contraction of the currency called for on that score, the only use to which the surplus revenue can be judiciously applied is the purchase of bonds. It is hardly safe for the Reform School; the sexes mingle together indiscriminately, there are female singers in the choir, and a great part of the service is conducted in a modern language. The synagogue is chiefly attended by men as that on Thirty-fourth street, which is also decidedly conservative. The oldest synagogue is that on Nineteenth street, of which the Rev. Mr. Lyons is pastor. The founders of the congregation were Portuguese Jews, who came to this city nearly two hundred years ago, in the old Dutch times. Of course the present members are almost entirely American and English Jews, and the congregation has the reputation of being extremely wealthy. Another very influential synagogue, consisting almost entirely of American and English Jews, is that on Forty-first street. There is also a very fine temple on Thirty-ninth street, with a radical progressive German congregation. To show the Jewish nationalities present in the city it may be stated that there is in addition to the above, English and German synagogues alluded to, a Polish synagogue (strict orthodox) on Allen street; a Bohemian synagogue on Fourth street, near avenue C; a Hollander synagogue on Madison street and a French synagogue on Sixth street.

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Rev. Albert Barnes.

The distinguished Presbyterian divine, Albert Barnes, died suddenly, in Philadelphia, at four P. M., on Saturday last. About half-past three o'clock on that day, in company with his daughter, he left his residence for a visit to a friend living about a mile distant. He walked the entire distance, and reached the house of his friend considerably fatigued. Entering, he took a seat and awaited the coming of the family, when suddenly, and without uttering an exclamation, he fell back upon his chair and expired.

Mr. Barnes was born in Rome, N. Y., December 1, 1798. While working in his father's tannery he pursued his studies so closely that he prepared himself for college, and entered Hamilton College, New York, whence he graduated in 1820, at the age of twenty-two. After pursuing a theological course at Princeton College, New Jersey, he received his license to preach, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Morristown, N. J., in February, 1825. In 1830 he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, and presided over that congregation until within a few years ago, when age and infirmities compelled him to resign. As a pulpit orator Mr. Barnes had few equals upon the American Continent. His manner was peculiarly winning and his language strong, concise and convincing. Some eloquent divine has portrayed the more lovely and touching truths of the Gospel which he taught; and it was this peculiar eloquence which won him such a place in the hearts of his congregation. Mr. Barnes was, also, extensively and justly appreciated as a writer than as a preacher. His numerous writings, and "Bible Commentaries" in particular, have earned him a world-wide reputation. His "Notes on the Gospels" probably were the most popular Protestant theological works ever published, more than a million copies of the English edition alone having been printed. They have been extensively republished and adopted by theological text-books in the Old World. His "Life of St. Paul," "Evidences of Christianity" and "Scriptural Views of Slavery" also obtained a wide circulation. At the close of the Presbyterian Church, in 1

CHRISTMAS.

The Second Day of the Great Festival.

Secular, Popular and Jocular Celebrations in the Metropolis and Elsewhere.

The Charitable Institutions, Public and Private—The Day on the Ponds and in the Parlors.

It might have been expected that Christmas, coming on Sunday and being celebrated by the secular world on Monday, would give rise to some confusion; but the appearance of the city yesterday showed that there was no misunderstanding on the subject. All that could be said about Christmas has been said already. The Church celebrations of the day, as a great Christian festival, have been duly recorded; but the secular world, while celebrating Christmas, still observed that the Sabbath had some claims, and those claims were duly recognized; but there must be some festivity, some "worldly" enjoyment, to show that the Christmas time is a merry time indeed, and that was reserved until yesterday. From the reports given below it will be seen that the day was everywhere enjoyed in a proper spirit, and that although the day was "the second day of Christmas" of 1870 it was "a merry Christmas" in every respect.

In the Public Institutions.

The day will long be remembered by the inmates of the public institutions on Ward's, Randall's and Blackwell's Islands, judging by the rays of gladness that lighted up the faces of the recipients of the good cheer so bountifully provided by the Commissioners of Emigration and Charities.

ON WARD'S ISLAND.

The Commissioners of Emigration proceeded to the island at an early hour in the morning and provided a superb dinner for four or five hundred children and adults. The little ones in addition were rendered happy by the reception of toys and other articles calculated to gladden their little hearts and remind them that there are some who on each returning anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind remember them with feelings of love and kindness.

ON RANDALL'S ISLAND.

Commissioners Brennan, Bowen, Nicholson, Frear and Bell, and Warden Stephens provided the usual spread to the children and adults on Randall's Island. Beside the generous supply of poultry and plumb-pudding the Commissioners furnished a number of Christmas trees which were indeed with sweetmeats and bon-bons, that made their young hearts rejoice. Mr. John Duff, of the Olympic theatre, generously contributed handsome collars and bows for the girls which decorated them with demonstrations of unfeigned pleasure. Among the most pleasing features of the day's proceedings were recitations, dialogues and songs by the children, over a thousand of whom mingled their infantile voices in songs of praise and thankfulness to God for his bountiful blessings to them.

ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND

the same mode of commemorating the day was observed, and all the inmates enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. In the evening a ball was given the lunatics, and nearly all joined in the dancing with a zest worthy of sane persons.

THE SCHOOL SHIP MERCURY

sailed from this port some two weeks ago for a cruise in the West Indies, but before her departure all arrangements were made to give the boys their annual feast, and yesterday they doubtless partook of the bounty of the Commissioners beneath the warm rays of a tropical sun and upon the heaving bosom of old ocean.

Turkey at the Tombs.

The ceremonies at the Tombs yesterday were of a most impressive character. Early in the afternoon Warden Stacom, attended by several assistants and coryphees, made an entrance to the main court of the prison, the assistants bearing on salvers high uplifted the choicest viands, which were to be set before the unhappy men who were suffering for their country's good. Fragrant dishes of wild boar, trimmed with thyme, and hyoscamus, pheasants and ptarmigans and barons of roast beef were carried in solemn procession through the lonely stone corridors of the prison without sound of fife or drum. The gentlemanly Warden sat down to a noble banquet, at which he presided with his wonted elegance and grace. The matron of the prison—good, kind-hearted Mrs. Foster—had provided Warden Stacom with a snow white bib and tucker, which he wore up to his graceful neck. Steaming dishes of chicken fricassee were sent to the prisoners convicted or under charge of felony in their still cells. Smoking hot coffee and choice tidbits of turkey were served up to the men and women who were locked up on charges of misdemeanor, and many an ancient and reprehensible "vag" whose corpora were not free from the night before had his palate cooled with the leg of a duck, touched up with Worcestershire sauce. The women dined at a common table, the men also confined for minor offences dined at a large table, and the Stacom moving among them with unabating energy. When the sixth was removed he arose and spoke as follows:—

"Thieves, you are unfortunate enough to be confined here for the offences which you have committed. Many of you whom I see before me are not here for any criminal act—In fact, I might say you are nobody's enemies but yourselves. But the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections intended that you should have a square meal on Christmas Day, which nobody can deny. (Here there was a movement of grateful enthusiasm among the prisoners.) It would be far better for all of you that you were among the bosoms of your families this day, but you know how it is yourselves. Hereafter let all the ends you strive for be your country's and your home's. Emulate the example of Marco Bozarris and George the Count Joannes and all will be well that ends well. Now I dismiss you to your homes on the classic banks of the Collect Pond."

The warden concluded amid great cheering and the ten day men retired with tears in their eyes, and thus ended the second celebration of Christmas at the Egyptian Tombs.

The Day in the Five Points.

The little ones, under the care of the charitable institutions situated in the Five Points—viz., the Mission and the House of Industry—got a sweet taste of the enjoyments of Christmas yesterday. On Christmas Day the regular Sunday services only were celebrated in the chapels of the institutions, while the treating of the young ones to Christmas presents and a good dinner was delayed till yesterday, when, as it was announced to them, the jolly old Santa Claus had promised to make his annual visit, laden with the nicest gifts.

Shortly before one o'clock about 370 nicely clad children—girls and boys—assembled in the chapel of the House of Industry to chant some merry Christmas glees and carols ere they marched off, two by two, to partake of the exquisite hot dinner of turkey and rich puddings prepared for them. But it was only after their return from the feast, and when the inner boy and girl had been satisfied, that the real merriment of the day seemed to brighten up their intelligent little countenances.

FLUSHED WITH GOOD CHEER.

They came back to the chapel with more lively steps and ringing laugh along the halls, and took the rows of seats facing the crowded assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. The chapel was most tastefully ornamented. Entering the door the eye was first attracted by a beautifully embellished card with the Scriptural sentence "A Saviour is born unto ye" printed thereon; under this the Stars and Stripes was festooned around a large framed copy of appropriate texts, while from the four corners of the chapel down to its sides soft chains of evergreens and flowers were stretched to the centre of the ceiling. Spirally, like the ivy, they crept up the pillars, and turn where one would the fresh look of the bright green aided a pleasing charm to the whole scene. The object, however, that attracted most the gaze of the younkers was the Christmas tree, reaching to the ceiling and bowed down under the weight of THE CURIOUS FRUIT THAT CHRISTMAS BRINGS FORTH.

Many a wistful glance did the young chaps cast at the various articles pending from that as yet forbidden tree, while the little girls had a difficulty to remember the words of the carols and at the same time take particular notice of the thousands of wonderful dolls on this tree of life.

The stroking at length came, and every boy and girl passed out of the chapel clutching with the eagerness of a miser the inestimable treasure that fell to his or her share from that inexhaustive tree. Addresses were made to the young ones, and, indeed, to the assemblage generally, by the Rev. Mr. Mingins, Mr. R. Jessups, and by the Superintendent, Mr. Barnard, but there is scarcely a need to repeat them, since the managers and trustees of this establishment need only point to the healthy children—moral and physical—under their charge to silence the doubts of crotchet charity.

The Five Points Mission.

Across the way, and within hearing of the merry voices that rang forth in the clear tones of childhood, another congregation of juveniles were assembled on the same gratifying occasion. About seven hundred children were treated not only to gifts and toys, but to good, substantial food, both cooked and cold, which they were allowed to bring home to their hungry little brothers and sisters and poor father or mothers. There was no dinner table set set at this institution. The exercises commenced at one o'clock in the afternoon, and consisted of glees and the usual Christmas carols and choruses by the Sunday school children. The presents to the children were distributed by the traditional old Santa Claus, who made his appearance in the most approved fashion of the olden times by descending through a chimney. Alas for those trusting days of yore. In these mistrustful and degenerate times the

BENEVOLENT AND VENERABLE SANTA CLAUS

would likely be shot at as a burglar if he attempted to come down one of our chimneys on a Christmas Eve, even with the best intentions, to present bon-bons to our children. Never mind, children; they cannot kill a spirit.

The young lads and lasses were first informed by a letter from Santa Claus himself that on the receipt of his of present instance he would most probably be as far as the crossbar that holds the bothooks and kettles in the chimney in his festive visit towards them. Oh, what expectation was depicted on the youthful countenances! There were the young groups, here and there, whispering over one another's shoulders, and bent forward, intent in their gaze on the chimney, got up for the occasion, through which Santa Claus, with his innumerable presents, was to descend.

Down he came, pop; and, lo! what a singular being! The boys and the girls chuckled and clapped hands, and shrieked, and the babies in the arms of their mothers, alarmed, did the same, and then tired, at the strange appearance of this traditional old friend. He had a long gray beard down over his breast, and possessed the most benevolent expression of countenance. Upon his head he wore a fur cap. His coat, of thick stuff, hung down to his knees. Over his

PATRIARCHAL BEARD

frost and icicles were scattered and ashes strewn over his garments. "About his middle round" innumerable toys dazzled and the chimney seemed interminably filled with more. On they poured, and after his old heels and were soon appropriated by the merry crowd. He made a benevolent speech to the young ones, bade them, in a hollow voice, be good, and that he would visit them again next year with more costly presents. All assortments of toys were distributed to the seven hundred children, the edibles, such as nuts and sweetmeats, being particularly patronized by them. Dr. J. Duffy was Santa Claus. The Superintendent of the Five Points Mission, Rev. Mr. Shaffer, made an address to the happy assemblage. At three o'clock P. M. the merry gathering broke up.

House of Mercy.

At this institution, which is under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, 110 old and indigent men were treated to a Christmas dinner in the large laundry. The beautiful little chapel was decorated very elaborately for the midnight mass, which took place on Christmas Eve, Father Kearney officiating. About seventy-five inmates sat down to a splendid Christmas dinner, which consisted of the customary good fare. Mother Augusta is Superioress of the House. In the basement of the chapel was a lifelike representation of the Saviour's birth. Not a few of the many visitors repaired to the basement and remained kneeling in pious devotion before this Crib of Bethlehem the greater part of the day.

Magdalene Asylum.

The ladies in charge of this excellent asylum resolved to postpone their Christmas festivities until Thursday, January 5, 1871, when both Christmas and New Year's days are to be appropriately observed by the inmates. The reason of this postponement is that the lady directors wish to be present on the occasion, but could not have been had it come off yesterday, because they were then celebrating the day at their several houses.

House of the Good Shepherd.

On Christmas Eve midnight mass was celebrated in the chapel of this large institution, at Nineteenth street, near East river. The Rev. Father Tibeaux, of Yorkville, officiated. The singing by the Sisters and Miss Sayers, who assisted them, was very fine. Miss Sayers' splendid contralto voice was a feature of the singing. The Christmas dinner was a sumptuous affair, and consisted of turkeys, pies, cakes and other delicacies. It was furnished by Mr. Daniel Sweeny, Mrs. Daniel Devlin and Mrs. Jeremiah Devlin, who, ever since the House was opened, thirteen years ago, have been similarly generous every Christmas time. Upward of 300 Sisters partook of the dinner. Yesterday the festival was again observed. There were extra recreation and feasting. The Sisters presented two splendid Christmas trees to the children in their classes. There was a continuous succession of visitors throughout the day, which was very happily spent.

St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum.

Good Christmas cheer was provided in abundance to the 200 boys and girls who are inmates of this Asylum, of which Mother Hyacinthe is superioress. The day was also observed by appropriate religious ceremonies in the chapel—high mass and vespers being celebrated midnight and morning. The asylum, which is situated on Eighty-fourth street, near the river, is supported by German Roman Catholics. The Christmas dinner was an excellent one, and it was pleasant to witness the despatch with which the youngsters made the good things disappear from the table. Many friends visited the Asylum in the course of day, and the children received numerous Christmas presents. There were three Christmas trees—one for the boys, another for the girls and the third for the smaller children, and there was also a representation of the crib of Bethlehem. When the wax tapers on the trees were lit up they presented a very pretty appearance. Of course, the day was a holiday.

At the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.

The Sabbath school connected with this church, in Stanton street, and the Industrial School for poor, ragged children, supported by and conducted under the auspices of this church, assembled yesterday afternoon and evening, and, together with visitors, crowded the church to its utmost capacity, to celebrate their annual Christmas festivities. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers around the pulpit, and on the chancel rail and on each side of the altar were large and imposing Christmas trees, well loaded with choice gifts from good old Santa Claus. The exceedingly interesting exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Smith, when the children of both schools delivered themselves of select recitations, songs and declamations, to the delight of all present, at the conclusion of which Mr. B. C. Webster, the superintendent, was called upon and received with hearty applause by the children. He delivered a few appropriate and happy remarks, and proceeded to dispense the beautiful gifts provided for the most worthy scholars among whom may be mentioned Miss Frances Lippitt, a faithful little scholar of Miss Adine Balken's class, who received a beautiful work basket and the approbation of the pastor for the fervency in committing to memory upwards of four hundred verses of Scripture, and John M. Metz, a little boy of twelve years of age, who attended school regularly at all seasons, and was dutiful to parents and teachers. Miss Augusta Baker, who presided at the organ, received a gift in token of gratitude from her class, after which the scholars were dismissed by the pastor, Rev. B. B. Leacock.

In the Schools of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society.

Nowhere was Christmas celebrated in a more delightful and happy manner than in the several schools of this society, numbering over 1,100 children. The "Home" at No. 101 St. Mark's place and the large hall No. 207 Bowery were beautifully decorated, and the joyous bearing of all present was very pleasant to be observed. Short addresses were made by Messrs. E. F. Edwards, Adam Gregg and D. F. Robertson. Simon Stevens also made a very happy application of some of the dialogues spoken by the children. Dudley Field, president of the society, sent a handsome present of $100 to the children.

The Newsboys' Lodging Houses.

During the past few days there have been very jolly times in the Newsboys' Lodging House in Park place and its kindred institution of St. Vincent de Paul in Warren street. Christmas week has been prolific of gifts and good cheer to the wud street Arabs of our city, who have so often to suffer hunger and cold in disseminating the news to their many thousands of patrons. In the Park place house there are four floors, 50 by 95 feet, in which are bathrooms, kitchens, laundries, dining rooms and large, clean and well ventilated dormitories. In the dormitories are 200 fine, comfortable beds, and there is a large gymnasium attached. Mr. O'Connor, the superintendent, and the ladies of the establishment in Park place for the purpose of purchasing five cases of shoes for the boys as Christmas gifts, and on offering to pay for them the grim generously refused to take any money, and themselves went to the boys. The regulations here are very simple. Breakfast at six o'clock and supper at seven; night school commences at half-past seven P. M. During the past year 1,000 truants have been returned to their friends. There is a savings bank in the house, and each boy has a box of his own which he keeps, the general average deposited at the end of the month the total amount is returned to him. One thousand one hundred and four boys have used this bank during the year, their deposits amounting to $2,853 60. One lad of a thrifty spirit has $300 in bank. The charges are six cents each for supper, lodging and breakfast, amounting in all to eighteen cents a day. The boys have contributed $4,214 towards the expenses of the house, and the outlay on each lad, given by voluntary contributors, in a year does not average more than $1 75. During the year 56,128 meals and 55,565 lodgings have been furnished, and the average number who have found sleeping accommodations is 185. For seventeen years the Newsboys' Lodging House has existed, and during that time the total expense has been $109,325, of which amount the boys have contributed $28,956. Reading, writing and the elementary branches are taught in the night school, and addresses are made by prominent persons. When Horace Greeley speaks to the boys the strictest discipline is needed to keep them from leaping off the benches.

The St. Vincent de Paul Newsboys' Lodging House is situated in Warren street, where a large building is occupied, in which there is an average attendance of sixty to eighty boys, who receive their meals and lodgings for twenty cents a day or one dollar and forty cents per week. Those boys who attend mass on Sunday, however, are not charged for their boarding or lodging on Sunday. This lodging house is under the supervision of a selected committee from the conferences of St. Paul attached to the different Catholic churches of New York and has been in operation about nine months. It bids fair in time to equal its rival in Park place. In both institutions roast beef, plum pudding, turkeys and other choice dishes were given to the boys at their Sunday and Monday dinners.

At the Theatres.

At both the afternoon and evening performances the theatres were all crowded. The proprietors were wild with joy, for the prospects of coffers overflowing were very grateful sights; the managers were wild with excitement, for though they like to have crowded houses they find in such spasmodic gatherings as those of yesterday only more work and no more pay for themselves. The houses were all literally "packed from pit to dome." At Niblo's there were dozens in the family circle hanging on by the ceiling ornaments. At Lina Edwin's pretty little theatre the crowds were immense, and observed the pretty and talented manageress, perplexed the indomitable Pray and enjoyed themselves hugely. At the Theatre Comique, at the corner of Fifth Avenue and all the others the same scenes might be enjoyed—crowds of males and females standing, sitting, hanging on wherever they got a chance, all seeming to enjoy the shows, and giving rise to the query, where do the people all come from on such days as this?

THE DAY IN BROOKLYN.

The juvenile portion of the community who had selected a convenient place near the chimney for the suspension of their stockings before retiring on Sunday night were astir at an early hour yesterday morning, and it is scarcely necessary to say there was no more sleep for *patres familias*. It was Christmas, and little eyes sparkled with unusual brilliancy as the little hands delved down even to the toes of the stockings, and brought forth innumerable toys of all descriptions, and little cheeks were red with the wind in efforts to bring music out of small horns, harmonicons, whistles, &c. The appetites of the urchins were not as voracious as usual when the breakfast table was spread, and some boldly asserted they did not want anything to eat. At nine o'clock the little ones repaired in large numbers to the Sunday schools, which presented a holiday appearance, being tastefully decorated with wreaths of evergreen and Christmas trees and flags. At these schools the superintendents, teachers and others made and received presents. The scholars received their usual Christmas boxes of candies, oranges, New Year's cakes, &c. There were addresses in the churches, and hymns were sung, and then the scholars were dismissed and returned to their homes. The newsboys had a glorious time at their lodging house in Poplar street, and succeeded in demolishing a number of turkeys.

All the stores and public offices were closed, and the streets presented a quiet, holiday appearance.

There were no public celebrations, but, judging from the manifestations of festivity perceptible, from which the sounds of laughter and of music stole forth into the quiet, out of doors air, Christmas was celebrated in true, old fashioned family style in the goodly City of Churches.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW JERSEY.

In Jersey City.

The dulness, quiet and total absence of any symptom of activity through the streets of Jersey City yesterday were sufficient evidence that Christmas was being rigidly observed in the family circle. There was no outdoor amusement; but the inmates of several charitable institutions were feasting on their better days by a liberal supply of his world's goods. The attendance at the churches was comparatively slim, owing to the fact that people celebrated the religious festival on Sunday.

The Day in Newark.

Yesterday, following the very elaborate religious observance of Christmas on Sunday, the good people of Newark abstained, *en masse*, from ordinary week day labor and indulged in a right royal secular observance of the joyous season. Everybody vied with everybody else in making the occasion the merriest of the merry and happiest of the happy. Considering the immense quantities of Jersey champagne, alias apple-jack, and other promiscuous exhilarators that presumably were made away with, the order which prevailed throughout the day was really a proper subject for congratulation on the part of local social economists. From eight o'clock in the morning till alike hour in the evening two eighth persons were arrested in the entire city. At the Essex County Jail 160 inmates were provided with a gorgeous spread of fricasee chicken and homemade pie, besides being released from ordinary labor.

NEWARK'S GARRET MYSTERY.

Some New Revelations for the Coroner's Ear Only—The Grand Jury to Inquire Rigidly Into the Matter.

The public, through the columns of the HERALD, have already been fully informed of all the essential facts in one of Newark's most mysterious of mysteries—the ilgen garret mystery. Since the group of intelligent Newarkers convened by Coroner Chase to inquire into the causes of poor Franz Ilgen's death brought in, after six days' arduous labor, the remarkable verdict of death "from apoplexy or some other cause unknown," regardless of the fact that not a word in the entire one hundred and one pages of evidence was there to warrant the dragging in of "apoplexy"—since then Coroner Chase has kept a strict watch on the case, and has stumbled on, he believes, some highly important links of evidence heretofore sought for in vain. It is his intention to bring the entire matter before the Grand Jury of Essex county, which meets in another week, when it will receive all the attention the gravity of the case demands. The action of certain county officials in declining to agree to the expense of an autopsy, examination of the stomach on the score of public economy is very severely criticised on all sides. The plea that, inasmuch as the insurance men were interested pecuniarily in the case, therefore should devolve the expense of a coroner's inquest, in part or in whole, is, of course, too absurd to consider even. If a monstrous crime is believed to have been committed in the community, it is the bounden duty of the officers of the law to use all possible efforts to trace out the perpetrator and avenge at once the outraged majesty of the law and the memory of the dead—and this utterly regardless of the desires, wishes or interests of any individual or individuals. If on the other hand, there was no reasonable ground to suspect foul play, then it was a gross outrage, an infamous perversion of official power, to order or hold any inquest. Everything, however, clearly goes to show that there were and still are ample reasons for strongly entertaining the opinion that poor Ilgen was murdered. Coroner Chase has already received authoritative assurance that on the assembling of the Grand Jury his efforts in the premises will receive proper co-operation. It would not be surprising, after all, if "apoplexy will out."

THE SEVENTH WARD POOR.

Preparations for the Distribution of the Tweed Relief Fund.

Tweed Poor Association of the Seventh ward will commence to give relief to the poor and needy of the Seventh ward on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, at No. 114 East Broadway. The directors will engage a large number of clerks to register names at the opening of persons making application for aid; they will also keep open that night, if necessary, until twelve o'clock, if the number of applicants should warrant. The relief given will be fuel, provisions, clothing, shoes, medicine and any other articles necessary; but in no case will money be advanced to applicants for relief. Until those applying for relief will commence on Wednesday night, and orders will be issued for relief. The moment they report any misappropriation on the part of those relieved aid will be discontinued.

Any gentleman in the ward who knows any case of want on the part of any persons who may feel a delicacy in making application for aid can leave the names at the office and their case will be attended to. It is to be hoped that every citizen in the ward will interest himself in this matter.

THIEVES IN A TARGET COMPANY.

At half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, while a target company belonging to the Sixteenth ward was passing through West Bleecker street, detective Blackwood arrested one of the company who had some time since, as is alleged, robbed the house No. 4 Ninth avenue; but the whole gang came to the rescue of the prisoner and gave the officer a very rough handling, beating him badly over the head and body. The reserve force of the Ninth precinct was turned out to secure the capture of the alleged thief, but he has so far contrived to escape arrest.

ROWDY ROOSTERS.

UNRULY BIRD FIGHTS IN JERSEY

Sport for the Chicken Fancy—An Affray for Two Hundred Dollars and Other Battles for Less Sums—Determined and Ferocious Fighting.

With eyes and feathers right,
And with heels sharp and prime,
In condition for the fight,
And sure to come to time
As a clock.

The year 1870 is drawing to a close, and with it are accumulating "the festivities of the season." Christmas has already been celebrated, and thousands of hearts have been cheered and decaying friendships have been vivified around the social board by the observance of this Christian, honored custom that would otherwise have slumbered in eternal coldness. The shape of our rejoicings have been unlimited, our social gatherings have been many and strange; we have made our hearts glad with wine—if we could afford it—while others have killed the "fatted calf" in the shape of corpulent turkeys, monstrous chickens, oleaginous pigs, eat, drank and were merry—blessed institutions of forgetfulness. These in a measure have been fruitless of startling events, but one of the "episodes" is a little gentlemanly cock fighting—feathery contests—that took place last evening, and of which we want to treat as a mile-stone in the rejoicings of the season.

Flanders used to be called the "cockpit" of Europe, for there the English, French, Germans and Spaniards fought their battles. The cockpit in which New Jersey fight their battles is not necessary to mention, but it has been recently erected, is eligibly located and presided over by a "Greenhorn" who is a master of his business and a clever fellow generally.

The battles were matches, all comers having game birds being accommodated. Ten couples, after the "weighing in," were found to be on the list, but because of the trouble at times experienced in preparing these with their weapons of battle and the delay in selecting judges, it was past nine o'clock before the handlers came to the scratch with their birds.

First Match.—The weights were six pounds, $100 a side; New Jersey a blue brass-back, pretty and game looking; New York a blue-red, savage and vicious, one of whom had evidently had a very exalted opinion. It was a long fight. Twenty to sixteen on Jersey. He was a strong and fast fighter, and the second or third fly "coupled" his opponent; but the latter was not cut out, and after acting shy for a while recovered and went to work in capital style, and finally got in a stroke that cooked the brass-back and he was sent home to his mother. Time, 21:30.

Second Match.—Uncle John Ludlow, from Union Hill, handed in a black-red, 4 lbs. 5 oz., while an exponent from Newark showed a brown-red. They fought like so many Tom Sayers on Uncle John, who told the boys to be wary, as he knew but little about him, and "if he got licked he would run away." Union Hill was right, as at the second fly the black turned tail and ran, leaving the right angles to old Dr. Weldon speaks of, showed he belonged to the "Travellers' Club." Time to whip this duffer, 1:35.

Third Match.—Brooklyn against Union Hill—$50 a side—came off next. Uncle John's former handed in a black-red, with light hackle, five pounds four ounces and the old fight of cockfighting a birch-gray one ounce heavier. It was a chance for the natives to show how unfortunate but both were ineffective fighters, hardly able to knock a hole through a cobweb. The betting was even. The first few tackles the black had much the best of it, and if he had followed up his sickly foe might have won a second rate battle; but he didn't, and after getting pricked a few times gave tokens of going the way of Uncle John's blackred, and at last flew the pit amid the cries of "What a loafer!" Time, 8:20.

Fourth Match.—Brooklyn against New York, $75 a side. The former passed over a lemon pyle, four pounds one ounce; the latter a red pyle, four pounds two ounces. They were beautiful birds and raspers. It was one of the best and most furious fights ever seen in a cockpit. They met high in the air, flap for flap, like shaking of a topsail in a stiff breeze. It was hit for hit with the utmost rapidity and determination as fast as they could rise. Soon each was cut in four places and their feathers were dyed in each other's blood. After fighting for fifteen minutes Brooklyn's pet was down, and it was thought he had gone the way that all game birds must go. The fighting had been even until now, but after the lemon got an eye knocked out it was ten to four against him. He was one of the truest ever heeled, and struggling to his legs, for a while turned the tide of battle, and his admirers shouted vehemently, as they thought he would win the fight clean out of the fire. But the red had the best stroke, and, being in little better condition, began to get the better of it the second time, and although he was met fly for fly, hit for hit, dogged perseverance and determined ferocity finally got the best of it. The other bird won almost like honors, and the general verdict was that they were both great stayers. It was one of the best battles ever witnessed. Time, 41:20.

It was now past midnight, and the sport went on until daylight, but the above is sufficient to show how some portions of New York and New Jersey's citizens passed the holiday.

Many may not fully comprehend this character of amusement, but it claims its passionate admirers by the tens of thousands.

NEW YORK CITY.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy, HERALD Building, corner of Ann street:—

	1869.	1870.		1869.	1870.
3 A. M.	38	27	3 P. M.	50	34
6 A. M.	39	28	6 P. M.	50	33
9 A. M.	40	30	9 P. M.	48	32
12 M.	41	32	12 P. M.	47	29

Average temperature yesterday 30½
Average temperature for corresponding date last year 45½

Mr. Andrew J. Baird, a single man forty-two years of age, died yesterday at No. 363 Bleecker street. About two weeks ago deceased was thrown from a carriage, injuring his shoulder, and apoplexy subsequently ensuing proved fatal.

Coroner Schirmer yesterday held an inquest on the body of John Brunner, a child two years of age, who died at the residence of the parents, 236 East Forty-seventh street. On Saturday evening the child upset a pot of boiling coffee from the stove and was thus fatally scalded.

A reception will be given to Captain E. S. Lott by the subscribers to the Lott testimonial fund, and his friends generally, at Delmonico's, Fourteenth street, this evening, at eight o'clock. Mr. D. B. Sickels, No. 8 Wall street, the treasurer of the fund, has the tickets.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schuetz, a German woman, seventy-six years of age, died at her residence, No. 46 Rose street, from the effects of injuries received last Thursday morning, in consequence of accidentally falling down a flight of stairs. Coroner Schirmer was notified to hold an inquest on the body.

Louis Gobel, a French negro, of Bordeaux, residing at 93 Madison street, appeared at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday with a head considerably swollen and wrapped in white bandages. It appears that in some way or other this negro incurred the drunken wrath of Patrick McCoy, who assaulted Gobel with a sea shell and battered his head in a terrible manner. McCoy was arrested, and upon being brough to court gave bail in $1,000 to answer at the General Sessions.

At the semi-annual reception of Grammar School No. 10, in Wooster street, the Gerard medals and school certificates were presented by James W. Gerard, who made an address on the occasion. The programme of exercises was under the supervision of Mr. H. F. Cranborn and Mr. J. H. Myers. The decoration of the room, which was of a most beautiful character, and the musical exercises were placed in the efficient hands of Miss Esther Pratt, one of the lady teachers of the school. The exercises consisted of acting, singing and speaking.

In accordance with an invitation to that effect, quite a number of prominent Hebrews assembled at No. 27 Chambers street, and organized under the name of Young Men's Hebrew Association. They organized on a similar basis as their Christian brethren. The objects are the same, to be secured through the channels of lectures, libraries, &c. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Ralph Moss, President; Julius J. Lipman, Henry Ary, Vice Presidents; Ephraim Japha, Treasurer; Marcus A. Adler, Librarian; J. P. Soloman, Secretary. The association already numbers 300 members.

Edward McDermott, a stone cutter employed on the new Court House, Harlem, died Sunday afternoon in Bellevue Hospital. On Saturday evening deceased, while attempting to step upon the front platform of car 115 of the Third avenue line, slipped and fell before the wheel, which passed over his right leg and thigh, crushing it terribly. The accident occurred near 118th street. Deceased was forty-two years of age, a native of Ireland and boarded corner of Eighteenth street and Third avenue. He has a wife and four children now on their way to this country. Coroner Schirmer will hold an inquest on the body.

THE REPUBLICAN SPLIT.

A Bogus Despatch Exposed—The Republican Party Hopelessly Split—All the Stronger for It—Rebellion Against the Brown-Schurz Clique in Missouri—Tammany Ring, Jr.—Its Income—Suicidal Policy—What Will Be Done—President Grant's Only Course.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1870.

Early last week the leaders of the anti-Grant wing of the republican party here had the following despatch and others of similar character telegraphed all over the West and published in their organs and in outside papers:—

There is a fair chance of settling the division which arose among the Missouri republicans during the late campaign, *so far as it extends to the delegation here* and the position assumed by the Executive. Members of the House representing both parties in the late campaign have been in consultation with each other and with members of the administration for a week past, and to-day matters culminated in an interview with the President, at which the whole situation was talked over. The members present were Messrs. Van Horn, Burdett, Dyer and Benjamin. The President received them cordially, and the interview was of a very satisfactory character. Both sides came away satisfied that the President would co-operate cheerfully in an effort to reconcile all present differences. There is much good feeling over the present situation among the Missouri republicans, and they feel confident that the relations of the administration to political affairs in this State will now assume such a character as to prove of great advantage in the approaching election of a successor to Drake.

Of the sincerity of the anti-administration leaders' last week's profession of desire to heal dissension in the republican ranks the public can judge by reading their speeches of this week, particularly those of Messrs. Sumner, Schurz & Co. No democrat has ever berated President Grant so terribly as have these same "conciliatory" (?) republicans.

THE FACT IS,

the republican party is hopelessly split, quite down through, from top to bottom. Spaulding's prepared glue won't save it.

As stated in my letter of yesterday, all these "conciliators" movements originate with a miserable handful of St. Louis anti-Grant republicans, who have been running a little

TAMMANY RING, JR.,

in that city for this ten years, but which was smashed all to flinders by their efforts necessary to secure control of the State last fall. Two of the ring items—the newspaper advertisements and the salaries of senator Schurz and personal friends—amounted, as stated yesterday, to over a quarter of a million dollars, to which should be added another quarter of a million on account of fat contracts and other pickings, making the entire cash loss of the Brown-Schurz clique not less than $500,000 per year—all gone to the democracy and Grant republicans.

To this must be added the loss of the entire federal patronage which they have had, as they have carried the State of Missouri by a combination that could not exist a day after election, and cannot, in all probability, ever be made again.

THEIR SUICIDAL POLICY.

And now, while a few poor suffering mercenary henchmen are whining round the White House for "conciliation," their leaders in the Senate are throwing hot shot and bombshells into the administration ranks at every possible opportunity.

The course pursued by the anti-Grant republicans has carried them to that point where reconciliation is utterly impossible. This is now an admitted fact.

WHAT WILL BE DONE?

The President has but one course to pursue. He will let the malcontents entirely alone. The party is stronger now than before the split. If the Presidential election were to take place next month Senator Sumner could not carry Massachusetts against Grant.

In Missouri the Brown-McKee-Schurz clique is falling to pieces rapidly. It can never carry the State again. Indeed, if it could get back the lost patronage of St. Louis city and county the managers would be abundantly satisfied.

The defection of Messrs. Senators Dixon, Cowan and Doolittle, headed by President Johnson, with all the federal patronage, did not prevent the election of General Grant.

The present split is nothing near so serious as the one just previous to it.

Let then the President take no heed of the advice of mercenary traitors, but let the anti-administrationists severely alone, and has nothing to do with their conciliatory measures, he will be re-elected—if he gets the nomination.

Of his chances at the next nominating convention I shall have something to say at another time.

A "SMART" YOUNG WOMAN.

On the 19th instant Annie Morgan effected an insurance on her wearing apparel for $3,000, in the Park Insurance Company, under the name of Minnie Davis. The woman, who is a notorious character, with about a dozen aliases, imposed upon the people at the house on the southeast corner of Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue by representing to them that she was a respectable woman, and through this device was admitted to the house as a boarder. At an early hour on Sunday morning some of the inmates of the house discovered a fire in the room of the female boarder, and, burning the door open, saw her lying in bed apparently dead, the room filled with smoke and a quantity of clothes she had in her trunk in flames. From the suspicious manner in which the fire was discovered, coupled with the fact that there was not over $100 worth of clothes in the trunk, which had been insured for $3,000, Sergeant McElwain, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, arrested her and conveyed her before Fire Marshal McSpedon, where an investigation was held and sufficient evidence produced to warrant her arraignment before Justice Shandley, at Jefferson Market. She denied the charge and claimed that the fact that there was not over $100 worth of clothes in the trunk, which had been insured for $3,000, was a mistake.

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PERSONAL.

ARTHUR—MEET ME TO-DAY AT THE OLD PLACE in Fifteenth street, between 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. MAY.

AM BACK AGAIN (100)—I LEAVE FOR THE WEST; two letters Post office for you.

GERALD, GERALD, GERALD—FOR REASONS I will tell you some time it will be impossible to keep Christmas as proposed.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE GENTLEMAN who bowed as he left the Fulton Ferry car at the intersection of Fourth avenue road, on Sunday evening, about ten o'clock, you may meet him on Broadway, walking between Tenth and Fourteenth streets, at noon, Wednesday, 28th inst.

IN THIS FEARFUL GRIEF WHICH HAUNTS ME DAY and night I ask, in the wildness of my delirium, am I so soon forgotten?—no sympathy for my sorrow, no love for me now? Whatever unkindness may be cherished towards me, thank God, to you I have never been false. TOUJOURS.

SATURDAY NIGHT—BUYING GLOVES; "NOT MISTAKEN; former residence Twenty-second street." Will any musical friend grant renewal of acquaintance, long wished for? Please answer W. B. F., Herald office.

TRINITY—COLD FEET, WHITE HAT AND PURPLE feather; gentleman who touched hands respectfully solicits acquaintance. Address in confidence DISCRETION, Herald office.

WANTED—INFORMATION OF THE PERSONS, IF living, or their legal representatives, if dead, who composed the following firms in existence in the city of New York in 1834-5:—Manning & Highett, Wenring & Underwood, Kellog & Co., dry goods merchants; Baker & Johnson, clothing, corner street, and a boot and shoe dealer of Pearl street, name unknown. If such persons hold notes on Hugh King, they will please notify DENNIS MULLIGAN, Executor, Lexington, Ky.

WOOD'S MUSEUM, MONDAY MATINEE, THENCE opposite.—Will lady with child, who recognized gentleman following, please address CHARLIE RICHLAND, General Post office.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A.—A.—PERSONS WHO ARE INSURED IN GOOD life insurance companies, and who do not desire to surrender their policies by an absolute sale, can borrow the surrender value of their policies by applying at Insurance Agency, 87 Liberty street.

CITY OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT HOUSE, PARK, 32 CHAMBERS STREET, Dec. 22, 1870.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes, to pay the same at this office before the first day of January, 1871. On and after that date interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, calculated from October 6, 1870, to day of payment, will be added. On the fifth day of January process warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date. BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

CAPTAIN E. G. LOTT.—SUBSCRIBERS TO THE LOTT testimonial and those who wish to attend the reception given him this evening at Delmonico's (Fourteenth street) will please obtain their ticks s from D. B. SICKELS, Treasurer, No. 8 Wall street.

HEBREW CHARITY FAIR.—NEW YORK, DEC. 26, 1870.—All persons having claims against this Fair are hereby notified to present them forthwith.
E. B. HART, Chairman.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY, SUPPLEMENTARY—DETERMINED by the drawing of the Royal Ha vana Lottery. For information address LUTHY & CO., 240 Greenwich st.

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY OF CUBA.—WHOLES $32, halves $16, quarters $8. Kentuckies from $1 to $10. Circulars sent free. BATES, 174 Broadway, New York, one door above Maiden lane.

$32 CURRENCY.—ROYAL HAVANA AND KENtucky Lottery.—Prizes cashed and information given; circulars sent. JOSEPH BATES & CO., 30 Wall street. Box 4,264 Post office. Branch office, 447 Broome st.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WANTED—A SECOND HAND IRON SAFE OF ABOUT the following dimensions inside:—44x33x17 inches. Address ROBERTS, CUSHMAN & CO., 54 Mercer street.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

A.—TOYS AT RETAIL—MANY NOVELTIES, AT MUCH less than Broadway prices. French and Wax Dolls, Magic Lanterns, Saloons, &c., at PARSELL'S, Toy Bazaar, 36 John street.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS—WAX FLOWERS.—MRS. MO. GRIDGE, of London, Artist in Wax Flowers. Bouquets, suitable for holiday presents, on sale at her rooms, 36 East Seventeenth street, Union square, near the Everett House. Agent for G. Morgan's wax flowers and materials.

1871.—CORNWALL'S NEW YEAR CARDS, NINE designs; caricature by Thomas Nast, "New Year Calls," "You Know How it is Yourself." Sold at the principal stationers and by J. C. Y. CORNWALL, reading room Fifth Avenue Hotel. Fifty cents per pack.

LOST AND FOUND.

CORAL EARRING LOST.—$10 REWARD WILL BE PAID for its return at 276 East Broadway.

LOST—A LADY'S GOLD WATCH, CHAIN, BREASTpin and Charms, Sunday evening, from corner Allen and Canal streets down to Centre street. Good reward will be given at 448 Sixth ave nue, first floor.

LOST—LAST SATURDAY EVENING, A BUNDLE OF Keys, between Laurens and Canal streets, in Broadway. Finder will be rewarded by returning the same to 107 Laurens street.

LOST—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, BETWEEN FIFTYfifth and Fifty-sixth streets, on Third avenue, a Scotch Terrier of brindle color, mixed with; gray; answers to the name of Pappe. A reward of $20 will be paid on delivering the same at 312 Second avenue.

REWARDS.

$5 REWARD—FOR THE RETURN OF A BLACK silk Overskirt, lost in Forty-ninth street, west of Sixth avenue, Saturday night last. Apply at 57 West Thirtyfourth street.

$10 REWARD.—LOST, A BLACK AND TAN TERrier; white hair on the breast, sharp about the muzzle; had on a new collar, without name. The above reward will be given upon returning the dog to No. 20 West Twenty-third street.

$20 REWARD.—LOST, ON DECEMBER 14, A LARGE black and gray spotted Bloodhound; the finder or any one giving information for the recovery of the dog will receive the above reward at 22 Essex street.

INSTRUCTION.

AT THOMPSON'S COLLEGE, 20 FOURTH AVENUE, opposite Cooper Institute—Bookkeeping, Writing, Arithmetic, Short Hand, English, German, French, Latin, Spanish. Private lessons, day and evening. Ladies' department. Telegraphy practically taught.

LESPINASSE FRENCH INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG ladies, at Fort Washington.—French the language of the school. Thorough English, German and sciential courses. Circulars at Schirmer's music store, 701 Broadway; Mihan's drug store, 108 Broadway; G. Lesmanne's, 25 Pine street.

SPORTING—DOGS, BIRDS, &c.

ALL KINDS OF FANCY DOGS AND BIRDS FOR SALE.—Medicines for all diseases. Prepared food for mocking birds, at B. DOVEY'S, No. 3 Greene street, corner of Canal. N. B.—Ladies attended by Mrs. Dovey.

FRANCIS BUTLER, NO. 8 PECK SLIP, NEW YORK, has all the choice breeds of Dogs for sale or stock. Butler's infallible Mange Cure and Flea Exterminator, 75c. Imported Ferrets. Butler's new work, fourth edition, $2. Dogs boarded, trained, &c. Medicines for all diseases.

HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c.

AUCTION MART FOR HORSES AND CARRIAGES OF JOHNSTON & VAN TASSELL, 112 and 114 East Thirteenth street, near Fourth avenue.
A CARD.

This being holiday week it was our intention to omit our usual Tuesday sale, but the wishes of our patrons have prevailed and we therefore offer for sale,
THIS DAY, AT 12 O'CLOCK:—
DARK BROWN Horse, 15½ hands high, 8 years old, kind and true in all harness and perfectly reliable.
LARGE COVERED Express Wagon, nearly new.
BAY HORSE, 15¾ hands, 6 years old, warranted sound, kind and true.
SORREL MARE, 15¾ hands, 8 years old, kind, sound and true; also set of Harness.
PONY ESTABLISHMENT—Comprising a fine Sorrel Pony, sound, kind and true; also Pony Phaeton and Single Harness.
VERY FINE BAY TEAM, long manes and tails, 15¾ hands, 6 years: a capital carriage or express Team, and warranted sound, kind and true.
Several other Horses, for Robes, Blankets, single and double Harness, &c., &c.

AT BARKER & HAMLIN'S CITY AUCTION MART AND NEW YORK TATTERSALLS,
Corner Broadway and Thirty-ninth street.
BARKER & HAMLIN, AUCTIONEERS.
Regular Auction Sales
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
GENTLEMEN'S PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS disposed of at public or private sale to the best advantage, and a GENERAL ASSORTMENT of Horses, Carriages, Harness and everything in the horse line to suit the wants of all classes of purchasers constantly on hand.
SUPERIOR STABLING for horses on sale.
OUTSIDE SALES SOLICITED and promptly attended to. Liberal advances made on everything in the horse line.
PROFESSOR JARVIS' American Clipping Machine in operation at the Mart. Horses clipped in one hour.

A TROTTING HORSE FOR SALE CHEAP.—A FINE black Horse, 15¾ hands, sired by old Patchen; can be driven by any one; trotted last June in 2:34, can trot a four mile heat in 2:50; his pedigree can be made positive as he is well known; also a four year old Mare, trots in 2:50, scant 15 hands high, black, lady can drive her; single Road Wagon and Top Wagon, nearly new; Harness, &c.; owner's health compels him to sell. Apply at D. HULSE'S livery stable, 93 East Fourth street.

AT WITTY'S, 638 BROADWAY—LARGEST ASSORTment new and second hand Carriages and Sleighs in this city; now offering at greatly reduced prices: Coupe Rockaways in great variety.

A.—50 SLEIGHS OF ALL STYLES; BELLS IN GREAT variety; 500 Blankets, Sleigh and Wagon Robes. At summer prices at the corner Hudson and Spring streets.
LITTLE & TURNER.

A.—FIVE SECOND HAND COACHES, 1 LANDAU. Brewster's make; 20 Top, Road and Express Wagons; Phaetons, Harness of all kinds, Sleighs. Carriage Factory, 27 Wooster street.

A.—IN VIEW OF HOLIDAY SEASON WE HAVE completed a large stock of patent Clarences, Landaulets, Coupes, Landaus, Sleighs, Bells, Harness. Sell less this week. HAM'S, Fourth and Broadway.

ASSORTMENT CARRIAGES, HARNESS, SLEIGHS, &c., on hand and to order; lowest rates and warranted. See our coupe and six seat Rockaways.
HICKS, 33 Barclay street.

A FIRST RATE GRAY CART HORSE FOR SALE cheap, for want of use; is a good worker; or would be loaned for the winter months for his keep. Apply at 363 East Thirty-ninth street, near Second avenue.

BELLS.—SLEIGH BELLS, SLEIGH BELLS; 1,000 straps, all styles, including the Dexter sleigh bell, lightest bell in the market, at very lowest prices, at CALVIN WITTY'S, 638 Broadway.

FOR SALE—SIX HORSES, SUIT... FOR FARMERS or any business wagons; must l... let; owner going West; a fair trial allowed. Apply at 139 Liberty street.

FOR SALE—A GOOD CANADIAN PONY, WAGON and Harness; will be sold cheap as the owner is leaving the city; warranted sound and kind. 593 Washington street, near Clarkson.

FOR SALE—A COUPE ROCKAWAY, CITY MAKE, with pole and shafts; in very best order. Can be seen in private stables, 47 West Forty-fourth street.

FOR SALE CHEAP—THREE YOUNG, STYLISH Horses, 14½ to 15½ hands high, all warranted sound and kind; suitable for any use. 136 Perry street, rear. Must be sold; no work.

HORSE BLANKETS, 75 CENTS TO $50 EACH; ROBES, $2 75 to $50 cash; Harness, $8 to $500 per set, at MOSEMAN'S Harness Warerooms, 148 Chambers street.

SLEIGHS, BELLS, ROBES.—250 SLEIGHS, 1,000 straps Bells, swell side family Sleighs, Dexter sleigh Bells; large assortment Robes at lowest market prices; second hand Sleighs. WITTY, 638 Broadway.

SLEIGHS.—A NEW LOT, JUST RECEIVED FROM Portland, trimmed and untrimmed single and double Sleighs, all beautifully finished, for sale cheap at 121 William street, up stairs.

SLEIGHS.—400, ALL STYLES, CUTTERS, SHIFTING seat, Pony, six seat, Albany Sleighs, Portables, trimmed and untrimmed, at greatly reduced prices; 500 straps Bells, $1 to $30 each. 10 Nevins street, Brooklyn.

TOP BUGGY WANTED.—WANTED TO PURCHASE, for cash, a good second hand top Buggy and Harness. Address O. L. S., Herald office, stating price and where to be seen.

WANTED—A TEAM OF ROAD HORSES, FOR GENtleman's own driving: they must be about seven years old, stylish, with some speed. Address D. W. H., Herald office.

4 WORKING HORSES, 7 TO 9 YEARS, 15 TO 16 HANDS, $65 to $100; full blooded trotting Mare $125. 139 Bank, corner Washington; grocery. Call before purchasing elsewhere.

$200—TEAM BLACK CANADIANS, 15¼ HANDS, warranted sound, kind, or money returned; gray Canadian, 14 hands, $75; bay Mare, fast trotter, $75. 241 West Thirty-first street, in rear.

500 SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, Blankets, Robes, Bells.
Sleighs of all kinds, from $25 up. Largest and handsomest assortment in New York.
WM. H. GRAY, 20, 22, 24 and 26 Wooster street.

COPARTNERSHIPS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LIMITED partnership has been formed by the undersigned, pursuant to the laws of the State of New York: that the firm name under which such partnership is to be conducted is William D. Wilson; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted by such partnership is manufacturing and purchasing and selling printer's ink and printer's materials; that the names of all the general and special partners interested in the said business are William D. Wilson and Charles W. Harper; that the said William D. Wilson is the general partner, and his place of residence is Roslyn, Queens county, N. Y., and that the said Charles W. Harper is the special partner, and his residence is Madison, Morris county, N. J.; that the principal place of business of the said copartnership is to be the city of New York; that the amount of capital which the said Charles W. Harper has contributed as the said special partner to the common stock is the sum of $15,50; that the period at which the said partnership is to commence is the 22d day of November, A. D. 1870, and the period at which it will terminate is the 22d day of November, A. D. 1873.
W. D. WILSON, General Partner.
CHARLES W. HARPER, Special Partner.
NEW YORK, November 22, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING under the firm name of Schwartz & Harris is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Business continued by I. Schwartz. ISIDOR SCHWARTZ,
DECEMBER 22, 1870. ABRAHAM HARRIS.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

ALL O. K.—FOLLOW NO PATENT HUMBUGS WHEN you can go into a legitimate business, easy to manage and thoroughly introduced, for $200 to $300, at 99 Laurens street.

A FIRM IN THIS CITY, HAVING IN THIS YEAR transacted a most prosperous business in a branch which has been improperly monopolized, in which, with unerring certainty, by increased exertions, a princely income and sure fortune can be made, are now forming an incorporated association, into which they will admit two gentlemen of superior business abilities; but moderate capital required; only versatile gentlemen, giving real name, need apply. Address ASSOCIATION, box 4,544 Post office, New York.

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY.—TWO VALUABLE Patents, Hebdon's Advertising Agency, also Hebdon's Railway Station Indicator, for immediate sale; no reasonable offer refused. 744 Broadway, room No. 3.

A PARTY HAVING $500 CASH CAN JOIN IN HALF interest in a sample and lunch room down town; 110 West street, between New Jersey and Central ferries; or for sale to a cash customer.

TO CAPITALISTS.—FOR SALE, A FIRST CLASS Brewery, in full operation for the last twenty years; best location in the city; will be sold on favorable terms; a long lease and reasonable rent. Address CAPITAL, station D.

WANTED—A PARTNER, WITH FROM $3,000 TO $5,000, for a percentage business; references exchanged. Address BUSINESS, box 190 Herald office.

WANTED—A MAN TO TAKE CHARGE OF A LIGHT business, that will pay large profits; one with $300 cash can have an interest or good salary paid. Address D. CHARLES, Herald office.

$500 TO $500.—FOURTH OR HALF INTEREST IN a light manufacturing business; pays well; chance seldom offered; duty to superintend; reference given. Apply at 171 Broadway, room 16.

$5,000 TO $8,000.—WANTED, A PARTNER, IN A well established manufactured iron business; best reference given and required. Call at Brandreth House, or address T. W. W., box 117 Herald office.

$5,000.—AN INTEREST IN AN HONEST ESTABlished business wanted, by an active, energetic and competent man; experienced bookkeeper and financier; best references. Address, stating business, C. W. B., box 108 Herald office.

HOUSES, ROOMS, &c., WANTED.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE, TWO OR three unfurnished Rooms, suitable for housekeeping. Address, with full particulars and terms, which must be moderate, H. A., Herald office.

WANTED—A DOCTOR'S OFFICE, SOFA BED, WITH or without Board, on the east side, between Twentieth and Thirty-fifth streets. Address immediately Dr. BOWLS, drug store, corner Thirty-first street and Third avenue.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A LARGE, WELL FURnished House, suitable for a boarding house, not above Fifteenth street and between Fourth and Seventh avenues. Address Mrs. M. E., 60 Clinton place.

DRY GOODS.

AT ERRICH'S
Temple of Fashion.
Holiday Goods at bargains.
Being determined not to keep any Holiday Goods over, we offer the balance of our elegantly
Inlaid Work and Jewel Boxes,
Writing Desks, &c.,
at an immense reduction.
Elegantly inlaid Boxes at $2 25, reduced from $3 75.
Elegantly inlaid Desks at $4, reduced from $6.
More elaborately inlaid Desks at $5 50; were $8 50.
Of our solid black walnut Desks, gilt edge and lock, at $1, we have only a few left.
We have also reduced the prices on our entire stock of
Kid Gloves,
Lace and embroidered Handkerchiefs and
Sets,
Sash and Bow Ribbons,
Corsets, Hosiery,
Real Guipure Laces,
Trimmed Bonnets, Feathers, &c.
Black Velveteens at 50c., 75c., $1 and upward, worth one-half more.
Black Silk Velvets in four qualities.
Brown and Garnet Silk Velvet at $2 50.
Heavy Brown Velveteen at 75c., just received.
And many more bargains too numerous to mention, at
ERRICH'S
Temple of Fashion,
257 Eighth avenue,
between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS
A. T. STEWART & CO.
have just received
per steamship Stuttgart, direct from Marseilles,
an additional instalment of
popular Silks,
which will be offered on Monday, Dec. 26,
at the extraordinarily low prices of last week,
viz:—
New Striped Fancy Silks, double sided,
75 cents per yard.
New Striped Fancy Silks, heavier grade,
87½ cents per yard,
recently sold at $1 per yard.
Two cases of Grisaille Striped Silks,
perfectly new, $1 per yard,
their present value $1 50 per yard.
Heavy Lyons Black Dress Silks, $1 50 and $1 75 per yard.
Plain Dress Silks, in light and dark colors, $1 50 and $1 75 per yard.
American Black Silks, guaranteed to wash and wear well, $3 per yard.
French and Irish Pop lins, all qualities and shades, 75 cents to $2 per yard.
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.
in order to close their present stock of
Dress Goods,
prior to taking their semi-annual inventory,
have made very large reductions from recent prices, viz:
Poplins 25c. per yard; recent wholesale price 35c.
Plaid Poplins, high colors, 35c. per yard; recent price 50c.
Empress Cloths, 25c. per yard; recent price 40c. and 50c.
Plaid Poplins, 54 inches wide, $1 25 per yard; recent price $2 25.
Satins de Chine, cloth colors, 60c. per yard; recent price 85c.
The above form only a small portion of the large stock offered, which they will have great pleasure to exhibit to their friends, customers and strangers without any importunity to purchase.
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS
in
Alexandre's
and other very superior makes of
Gloves
will be offered during this week
at greatly reduced prices.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO.
will sell on Monday, December 26,
an immense stock of
Real India Cashmir Hair Shawls,
from $50 each, upwards.
Extra Elegant and Costly Brussels
Point Laces and Lace Goods.
Paris made Velvet, Silk and Poplin
Suits and Dresses, en train.
Paris made Velvet and Cloth
Polonaises, very rich.
Velvets and Plush Sacques, Cloaks, &c., &c.
Embroideries in every variety.
Ladies' Hats, Bonnets, Feathers, Flowers.
Elegant Sashes and Sash Ribbons, &c.
Paris and Vienna Fancy Goods.
Gentlemen's and Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Undergarments, Hosiery, Gloves, Fancy Neckties in the latest London styles.
Lap Rugs, Gentlemen's Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, &c., &c.,
forming the largest assortment to be found in this city, at prices lower than ever.
Broadway, Fourth avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

PARIS FLOWERS,
for balls, weddings, &c.
The finest assortment in the city selling now at a great reduction.
A. C. DUMON,
19 East Fifteenth street, opposite Tiffany's.

R. H. MACY.
The balance of our Christmas Toys and Christmas Goods closing out at very low prices.
For New Year's
A fine assortment of
Real Tortoise Shell,
French and Scotch Embroideries,
Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs,
Gold and Silver Mounted Goods,
Gold House Furnishing Goods,
Books,
French Bonbon Boxes, &c.,
At Popular Prices.
R. H. MACY,
Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue.

CITY REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

East Side.

A HANDSOME THREE STORY BROWN STONE House, 229 Eighteenth street, west of Second avenue, for sale cheap; is in first rate order; contains all the modern improvements; neighborhood unsurpassed. Address A. TUSKA, 200 Canal street.

AN EXCELLENT STAND FOR A BAKERY OR ANY other kind of business, 45 Third avenue, corner Tenth street, a three story store and basement, 22x70, for sale; a good baker's oven is under the sidewalk; rented for $2,400; is a Stuyvesant leasehold. Address A. TUSKA, 200 Canal st

FOR SALE—NO. 98 EAST TWENTY-eighth street, 400 feet northeast of Madison square. J. M. Guiteau, owner. Also one in West Fifth avenue, same street; a large Farm on Huntington Bay, and two Blue Stone Quarries in Orange county.

PEARL STREET, NO. 466, 25X120, INCLUDING FOUR Bowling Alleys, Bar and Saloon Fixtures; Lexington avenue, No. 125, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets, four story E. b. b. s. House, 20x50x90; Henry street, No. 22, near Catharine street, three story, b. s. b. House, 20x 32x50. Apply to A. TUSKA, 200 Canal street.

West Side.

A DESIRABLE HIGH STOOP DWELLING, WITH all modern improvements, 22.6x55x100, for sale very low, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Ninth street; possession. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, 11 Pine street.

BROOKLYN PROPERTY FOR SALE AND TO LET.

A LARGE NEW FACTORY TO LET—ALL OR IN part, at Greenpoint, one block from ferry, containing 30,000 square feet floors, 100 horse engine, new boiler. Apply to or address F. N. GOVE, No. 58 Noble street, Greenpoint.

CHEAP RENT IN GREENPOINT.—SECOND FLOOR, new house; 6 rooms, water throughout; excellent neighborhood; $10 per month; Hunter's Point cars.
H. C. DEXTER, No. 9 Broad street, New York.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—IN BROOKLYN, LOTS AND Buildings near the river, suitable for manufacturing purposes; also a Grist Mill and Machinery for manufacturing tobacco. Inquire at KELSEY'S Stores.

IN WILLIAMSBURG—143 SKILLMAN STREET.—A TWO story and basement frame House, 12 rooms, water on each floor; two Lots, each 25x100; 15 minutes from ferries, three minutes from four lines of cars; easy terms. Inquire of the owner, JAMES HENERY, on the premises.

PROPERTY OUT OF THE CITY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

A GRIST MILL, DWELLING AND FOUR ACRES OF Land—One mile from large town; three run stone; splendid water power; good cash market; only $8,000; cash $3,500; balance $500 yearly.
GEORGE L. WALKER, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—

Splendid Block, 9 houses and stores, Hartford	$150,000
Country Seat in Connecticut, 25 acres	20,000
Farm, 250 acres, Connecticut	35,000
Brown stone House, Third street, Brooklyn	20,000
Hotel, 60 rooms, all furnished	50,000
House and Lot, on Chestnut street, Brooklyn	4,000
House and Lot, Fourth avenue, Brooklyn	3,500
46 Building Lots, Linden Park, each	200
1 Building Lot in the city of Washington	1,500
8 Building Lots, Jamaica, L. I., each	200
4 Building Lots, Jamaica, L. I., each	300
1 Tenement House, Union street, Brooklyn	10,000
16 Lots, with Buildings, Great Neck	Price at office.
2 three story Brick Houses, Hartford, for both	18,000
100 acre Farm, Canton, Conn.	3,000
54 Building Lots, North Hempstead, each	150

All the above, or any part thereof, for sale or exchange, together with a host of other Property.
CHAS. S. ENSIGN, 206 Broadway.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

NOTICE TO THE TRADE AND PUBLIC.
BARTLETT'S Illustrated Map of New York City will be published on the 29th of December, 1870. It is the most comprehensive and unique map ever produced in this city. No one should be without it, strangers especially. It shows the public buildings and places of amusement in their relative positions; it also gives the various architectural beauties of the city. As an artistic production it stands unrivalled. Size 24x38, neatly bound in cloth covers, with gilt letters. Price, 50 cents. Mailed on receipt of price. Publishing office 309 Broadway, New York.
BARTLETT'S Illustrated Map of London.—Bartlett's American edition of this celebrated map will be published 29th of December, 1870, as a companion to his New York map. Neatly bound in cloth covers, with gilt letters. Price only 50 cents. Mailed on receipt of price. Publishing office 309 Broadway, New York. N. B.—An elegant holiday gift.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.—RICH AND ELEgant designs, from $8, $12, $15 up to $250. T. B. STEWART & CO., 605 Sixth avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS, OF THE latest imported patterns; Monuments, Headstones at reduced prices. A. KLABER, steam marble works, 134 and 136 Eighteenth street, near Third avenue, New York.

S. KLABER & CO., MARBLE WORKS, 217 TO 223 West Fifty-first street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue. Marble and Marbleized Mantels, Monuments, Headstones, Bureau, Table, Plumbers' Slabs, largest varieties, cheapest in the city.

FINANCIAL.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham square and New Bowery, New York,
is now receiving deposits from $1 to $5,000, entitled to interest as from January 1, 1871, at the rate of six per cent per annum,
Free of United States deposit tax.
Assets—Principally invested in United States bonds and New York city bonds and mortgages,
December 1, 1870 ..... $2,907,762 92
Deposits—Increasnd accrued interest to date, December 1, 1870 ..... 3,714,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities $193,762,92
HARRISON HALL, President.
J. P. COOPER, Secretary.
C. D. BAILEY, Treasurer.

BULL'S HEAD BANK.—FORTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—New York, Dec. 23, 1870.—The usual quarterly dividend of five per cent, free of all taxes, was this day declared out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable on and after the 30th day of December inst.
G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.
Agency, No. 17 Nassau street,
New York.
Commercial Credits
issued for use in Europe, China, Japan, the East and West Indies and South America.
Demand and Time Bills of Exchange, payable in London and elsewhere, bought and sold at current rates; also Cable Transfers.
Demand Drafts on Scotland and Ireland, also on Canada, British Columbia and San Francisco. Bills collected and other banking business transacted.
JOHN PATON, } Agents.
ARCHIBALD McKINLAY, }

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILroad Company, 26 Exchange place, New York, Dec. 16, 1870.
This company has declared a dividend of six per cent, payable on 31st December inst., in the stock of Morris and Essex Railroad Company. Transfer books will be closed until morning of January 3. A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

EMIGRANT INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK,
51 Chambers street.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.
DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this Bank have ordered that interest be paid to depositors entitled thereto, for the six months ending 31st inst., as follows:—On sums of $2,000 and under, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, and on sums exceeding $2,000 at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable on and after Monday, January 16, 1871.
The interest will be placed to the credit of depositors under date of January 1, and will be entitled to interest for the next six months, if not withdrawn.
HENRY L. HOGUET, President.
DAVID LEDYTH, Comptroller.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,
208 Fifth avenue (Booth's Theatre).
Interest at rate of seven per cent per annum will be paid on all sums remaining in bank January 1, 1871, that were deposited on or before July 20 and October 20. Payable on and after the second Monday in January.
Also an extra dividend of one per cent on all sums of $1,000 and under deposited before August 1, 1869, remaining in bank January 1, 1871.
Money deposited now will draw interest from January 1.
WILLIAM M. GILES, President.
H. K. THURBER, } Vice Presidents.
HUGH MURRAY, }
ISAAC S. BARRETT, Secretary.
N. B.—Parties living at a distance can send deposits and receive book by return mail.

MONEY REMITTANCES AND DRAFTS,
in sums from £1 upwards,
on all parts of
ENGLAND, IRELAND AND SCOTLAND,
AT LOWEST RATES.
Exchange on all points, in sums to suit, for sale by HENRY CLEWS & CO., 32 Wall street.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUtion. No 293 Bowery near Houston street.
Six per cent interest allowed on all sums from $5 to $10,000.
Deposits made now draw interest from January 1.
German spoken
Open daily, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Eighth avenue and West Thirty-fourth street.
Dividend.—A semi-annual Dividend at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums from $5 to $5,000 will be paid on and after January 18, 1871.
Money deposited on or before the 20th of January will draw interest from January 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; also on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN HOOPER, President.
JAMES O. BENNETT, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE
RONDOUT AND OSWEGO RAILROAD COMPANY,
RONDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1870.
The Coupons due January 1, 1871, on the First Mortgage Bonds of the Rondout and Oswego Railroad Company will be paid on presentation at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the city of New York, on and after the 2d day of January, 1871.
JOHN C. BRODHEAD, President.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—TREASURY DEPARTment, Columbia, S. C., December 2, 1870.
The interest maturing January 1, 1871, on the bonds of the State of South Carolina will be paid in gold, on demand, on and after January 1, at the Banking House of H. H. Kimpton, No. 9 Nassau street, New York. The interest on the registered stock of the State of South Carolina will be paid in Columbia only.
NILES G. PARKER,
Treasurer State South Carolina.
Coupons will be received for examination on and after the 27th inst.
H. H. KIMPTON,
Financial Agent State South Carolina.

SEVERAL LARGE AMOUNTS TO LOAN—ON BOND and Mortgage, in sums to suit applicants, without bonus. First and Second Mortgages promptly cashed.
POTTER BROS., No. 5½ Pine street.

THIRD AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner Third avenue and Twenty-sixth street.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.
Interest.—Semi-annual interest at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums from $1 to $5,000 will be paid on and after the third Monday in January.
Interest will be added to accounts January 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits.
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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES.

Cooks, &c.

21 1ST AV.—A PROFESSED FRENCH AND GERMAN cook, in a first class gentleman's family; understands her business perfectly; good reference.

21 PRINCE ST.—A COMPETENT WOMAN TO DO plain cooking, washing and ironing in a small family in the city; good reference if required.

30 WEST 12TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS cook, washer and ironer; understands all kinds of housework.

38 WEST 13TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—A competent woman as first class cook; meats, game, pastry and desserts of all kinds; is an excellent baker; no objection to boarding house; best city reference.

82 KING ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN AS PLAIN COOK, washer and ironer; no objection to short distance in the country.

84 3D ST., BETWEEN 1ST AND 2D AVS., FIRST floor.—A German Switzerland French cook, speaking French and some English, in a respectable English family; neither washing nor ironing. Good recommendation.

104 7TH AV., NEAR 16TH ST.—AS FIRST CLASS cook; thoroughly understands the cooking of soups, meats, pastries and creams; a good baker of bread and cake; good city reference. Can be seen for the week if not engaged.

109 WEST 15TH ST., REAR.—A RESPECTABLE Scotch woman as good cook, washer and ironer; good baker; best city reference.

156 WEST 29TH ST., BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH ays., in the bakery.—A respectable young woman as first rate cook; understands her business thoroughly; will be found trustworthy; unexceptionable city reference.

162 WAVERLEY PLACE, IN THE REAR.—AS cook, washer and ironer; boarding house preferred; good city reference from last place.

209 WEST 25TH ST.—AS FIRST CLASS COOK AND baker; is also a good washer and ironer; best city references.

225 EAST 25TH ST., BETWEEN 2D AND 3D AVS., next engine house.—A Presbyterian middle aged woman, who has kept house for a number of years, as plain cook or would do housework in a small family.

230 VARICK ST.—A PROTESTANT GIRL TO COOK, wash and iron; no objection to a short distance in the country; good city reference.

232 WEST 42D ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH ave.—A respectable girl to do plain cooking, washing and ironing. Call for two days.

401 10TH AV., NEAR 32D ST.—A RESPECTABLE young girl as cook, washer and ironer; best city reference.

428 WEST 52D ST., BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH avs.—A French woman as cook in a French family; understands French, German and English cooking. Good reference.

443 EAST 12TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS order cook for a restaurant; thoroughly understands her business; no objections to Brooklyn or Jersey City.

490 6TH AV., BETWEEN 29TH AND 30TH STS.—Two Protestant girls; one as cook, the other as chambermaid and waitress; understands cooking and baking and would assist in washing. Reference.

Chambermaids, &c.

82 KING ST., NEAR VARICK ST.—A PROTESTANT girl as chambermaid and waitress or general housework; city reference.

104 7TH AV., BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STS.—As first class chambermaid or waitress in a private family, or as nurse or seamstress; good city reference. Call for two days.

202 WEST 17TH ST.—AN AMERICAN GIRL AS chambermaid and waitress. Call on Mrs. GRIFFIN.

210 WEST 42D ST.—A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN woman as chambermaid and waitress; no objection to the country.

218 WEST 27TH ST., ROOM NO. 9.—A RESPECTABLE girl as chambermaid and to assist with the washing; will be found willing and obliging; good reference.

240 WEST 18TH ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH AVS.—A Protestant young woman to do chamberwork and fine washing or sewing, or will go out by the day; best city reference.

303 EAST 68TH ST., NEAR 2D AV.—A COMPETENT young girl, just from England, as chambermaid and waitress in a private family.

305 7TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL TO DO chamberwork and assist in washing in a private family.

323 EAST 47TH ST.—AS CHAMBERMAID OR nurse.

333 EAST 59TH ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN AS CHAMbermaid and waitress; would do general housework in a small private family; two years' city reference from last employers.

429 EAST 14TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS chambermaid; would assist with the washing and ironing.

484 CANAL ST.—A GIRL TO DO CHAMBERWORK and assist with washing and ironing; no objection to the country; best city reference.

521 BROOME ST.—A PROTESTANT YOUNG WOman as chambermaid and waitress or to take care of children; best city reference. Call for two days.

610 2D AV., THIRD FLOOR, FRONT ROOM.—A respectable woman as chambermaid, waitress or nurse. Call for two days.

713 6TH AV., NEAR 40TH ST.—A PROTESTANT girl as chambermaid and to assist in washing or to do general housework in a small family.

1,091 3D AV., NEAR [illegible] ST.—A GIRL AS chambermaid and waitress; is a good washer and ironer; has the best city reference.

Dressmakers and Seamstresses.

59 HOUSTON ST., NEAR BOWERY, STORE.—A QUICK needle woman wants sewing by the day; terms $1 25 per day.

61 WEST 35TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—An excellent seamstress, during the winter months, by day, week or month; can cut and fit for ladies and children; understands all kinds of family sewing and shirt making, embroidery; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; wages not so much an object as a comfortable home; reference.

109 WEST 33D ST.—SUISSE DRESSES, $4 AND $5; dressmaking and trimming in superior style; operators and hand sewers to go out by the day. Mrs. TRACY.

124 WEST 19TH ST., THIRD FLOOR.—WORK BY the day or week by a first class seamstress to finish off ladies' dresses and trim in the neatest style; references.

152 6TH AV.—AN EXPERIENCED OPERATOR ON Wheeler & Wilson's machine on all kinds of fine tucking and dressmaking. Apply or address.

162 WEST 35TH ST.—A FIRST CLASS DRESSMAKER wishes to go out by the day or week; can cut ladies' dresses; has her own machine.

208 6TH ST., FRIST FLOOR.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL as seamstress or chambermaid in a private family; no objection to taking care of children; good city reference.

235 WEST 17TH ST.—A FIRST CLASS DRESSMAKER wishes a few more customers by the day or week; understands cutting and trimming; can sew on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Call or address.

250 WEST 17TH ST.—AS COMPETENT SEAMstress and ladies' maid; thoroughly understands cutting and fitting ladies and children; can operate on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; no objections to work by the day; a permanent situation preferred.

271 WEST 19TH ST., SECOND FLOOR.—A RESPECtable young lady, having a machine of her own, desires sewing of any description to take home; is a neat hand sewer; would go out by the day or week to private families as dressmaker; can trim dresses and cloaks in the most fashionable style. Call on or address CLOAKMAKER.

327 EASTIETH ST., FIRST FLOOR, FRONT ROOM.—Fashionable dress and cloak making; Winter and Spring Suits, $5; wrappers, $3 a $3 50; also, children's and misses' garments made to order; Patterns and Fashion Plates, cutting and basting. Terms cash. Call or address.

342 EAST 31ST ST., TOP FLOOR.—AN EXperienced dressmaker to go out by the day; first class cutter and fitter; can operate on different machines; best city references.

398 BLEECKER ST., IN THE STORE.—A COMPEtent dressmaker wishes a few more customers to go out by the day; understands making walking suits, evening and reception dresses; can operate on a Wheeler & Wilson machine.

414 4TH AV., NEAR 23D ST.—A YOUNG WOMAN as seamstress to go out by the day or week; can work on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Call or address.

417 6TH AV., BETWEEN 25TH AND 26TH STS.—A first class dressmaker wants a few more families to work for by the day; is a fashionable fitter and trimmer.

765 8TH AV., BETWEEN 45TH AND 47TH STS.—A first class dressmaker wishes engagements by the day or week; can furnish machine if required; best city reference. Call on or address DRESSMAKER.

1,057 3D AV., FOURTH FLOOR, FRONT.—A respectable Protestant girl, about two months in the country, to do plain sewing and help with the upstairs work, or to do general housework in a small private family.

MISS CLINCH, 54 WEST TWENTY-NINTH STREET, corner Sixth avenue.—Ladies can rely on getting perfect fitting dresses, made and trimmed in the latest and most fashionable styles; Walking Suits and Evening Dresses made in eight hours' notice, at moderate prices. Garments cut and fitted.

General Housework, &c.

28 CARMINE ST., NEAR BLEECKER.—AN AMERIcan woman to do general housework in a small family; is a good plain cook; city or country. Good reference.

43 PERRY ST., REAR.—A YOUNG WOMAN TO DO general housework in a private family; no objection to the country; is a good plain cook, washer and ironer; good city reference. Call for two days.

45 CLARKSON ST., FIRST FLOOR, BETWEEN HUDson and Greenwich.—A respectable woman to do general housework or take care of children.

67 WEST 46TH ST., NEAR 6TH AV.—AN ENGLISH Protestant young woman to do general housework in a small family. Call on or address at present employer's, S. L.

218 WEST 18TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, lately landed from England, to do general housework in a small private family. Can be seen for two days.

246 WEST 30TH ST., SECOND FLOOR, BACK room.—A young girl to do general housework; good plain cook, washer and ironer; best city reference.

305 7TH AV.—A YOUNG GIRL TO DO GENERAL housework in a private family; best city reference.

358 HUDSON ST., IN THE REAR.—A RESPECTAble woman to do housework, with or without a child, 14 years old, as a good sewer.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALES

General Housework, &c.

417 EAST 29TH ST., BETWEEN 1ST AV. AND AV. A, first floor, rear.—A respectable widow woman, with a child three years old, to do general housework; will go for low wages on account of the child; best reference. Call for two days.

421 EAST 18TH ST., BETWEEN AVS. A AND 1ST, first floor, back.—A young woman to do general housework in a small private family; good city reference.

528 WEST 34TH ST., FIRST FLOOR.—A STRONG girl to do general housework in a private family; has good city reference. Call for two days.

Housekeepers, &c.

4 COLUMBIA ST.—A YOUND LADY OF REDUCED circumstances as housekeeper. Call or address Miss BELL.

114 7TH AV., BASEMENT DOOR.—A YOUNG AMEerican widow as housekeeper in a gentleman's family; can take full charge.

223 WEST 35TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE LADY AS housekeeper or as lady's companion. None but respectable parties need apply.

621 6TH AV., THIRD FLOOR.—AS HOUSEKEEPER in a hotel by an American woman, who has practical knowledge of the same. Address M. C.

651 2D AV.—A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN WOman as housekeeper; a widower's family, with children, preferred.

A YOUNG WOMAN, WITH A SMALL CHILD, AS housekeeper; no objection to the country; a good home more an object than wages. Call at the House of the Friendless, 54th st., between Broadway and 6th av.

HOUSEKEEPER.—A RESPECTABLE MARRIED LADY desires a position as housekeeper; a competent seamstress. Satisfactory reference given and required. Address, for two days, Mrs. M. J. E., Herald office.

Laundresses, &c.

34 GREENWICH AV., FIRST FLOOR, IN THE rear.—A woman wishes to go out by the day to wash, iron or to do housecleaning; best reference.

85 6TH AV., BACK STAIRS, FOURTH FLOOR.—A respectable woman to do ladies' or gentlemen's washing and ironing; pulling and fluting neatly done.

124 WEST 23D ST.—AS FIRST CLASS LAUNDRESS in a private family; can make up ladies' muslins; best reference. Call for two days.

130 8TH ST., NEAR 6TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE woman wishes to get work by the day; is an excellent washer and ironer or housecleaner; will do the work of the kitchen if required.

207 EAST 26TH ST., BACK ROOM.—A YOUNG American woman to do gentlemen's or ladies' washing at her own house. Come all the week.

239 EAST 25TH ST., FIRST FLOOR, BACK ROOM.—A woman wishes to go out two or three days in the week or to take washing at her own residence by the dozen.

463 WEST 42D ST.—AS GOOD COOK; NO OBJECtion to assist in washing or to do housework in a small family; best reference.

Nurses, &c.

41 WEST 24TH ST.—WET NURSE, WITH HEALTHY milk. Can be seen at her last places.

136 2D AV.—A LADY WISHES TO GET A SITUATION for a faithful nurse; every way competent to take care of an infant from its birth.

215 EAST 46TH ST.—A PROTESTANT GIRL AS EXperienced nurse; seven and a half years' reference from last place. Call on or address ELIZA.

225 WEST 16TH ST., BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH avs., second floor.—A respectable young woman as infant's nurse; capable of bringing up a child from birth on the bottle; can also do plain sewing; best city reference.

234 6TH AV., NEAR 15TH ST., IN THE STORE.—An American woman as child's nurse; is competent and a neat sewer.

254 4TH ST.—A YOUNG COLORED GIRL AS child's nurse; good references from last place.

423 EAST 18TH ST., SECOND FLOOR, FRONT.—A respectable woman to wet nurse a baby at her own house, having just her own baby, two months old.

749 3D AV.—A COMPETENT WOMAN AS NURSE and seamstress, to go out by the week or month; can cut and fit in first class; operator on Wheeler & Wilson's machine; would assist in the chamberwork; city reference.

751 6TH AV., NEAR 43D ST., FOURTH FLOOR.—A good monthly nurse (an American woman), having seven years' experience, wishes to make a few engagements; can give the best city references. Can be seen for one week, from 2 to 4 P. M., at the drug store.

1,369 3D AV., SECOND FLOOR.—A RESPECTable woman as nurse either to an invalid lady or baby; good reference. Call or address for two days.

A RESPECTABLE MARRIED LADY WISHES A baby to wet nurse at her own house. Inquire in Huntington st., between Court and Smith, South Brooklyn; small frame house, south side of street. Mrs. LONG.

Waitresses, &c.

40 WEST 12TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG GIRL as waitress or to do chamberwork and washing. Good city reference.

640 GREENWICH ST., IN THE REAR.—A YOUNG girl as waitress and to assist in chamberwork.

Miscellaneous.

7 EAST 28TH ST.—A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT as lady's maid or first class seamstress; understands cutting and fitting; can operate on Wilson's machines; or would go out by the day; best city reference.

20 7TH ST., BROADWAY.—A GERMAN MUSICAL lady, speaking French and English, as travelling companion. Address V. V., St. George's Hotel.

24 5TH AV.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN AS lady's maid in one or two ladies; understands dressmaking, hairdressing, millinery; can cut and fit; is a Protestant; is a good operator on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. Address S. B.

65 IRVING PLACE.—A FRENCH LADY, WELL educated, wants to enter a good family to educate one or two children not under five years, or to travel as companion. Address, from 10 to 2, C. F.

139 WEST 20TH ST.—AN AMERICAN LADY AS companion and assistant in an American family; without children preferred; can do all kinds of sewing and dressmaking; an agreeable and comfortable home more of an object than pay. Call on or address Mrs. HARPER.

159 WEST 23D ST.—A YOUNG MUSICAL LADY, who speaks French, German and English, as companion; the South or California preferred. Address L. V.

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NURSE WANTED—AN INTELLIGENT PROTESTANT nurse for a child six months old, to leave for the south to pass the winter. None only those having the best reference need apply on board steamship Crescent City, pier 19 North river, between the hours of 12 and 1 to-day.

WANTED—A COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—A FIRST class cook; also a laundress who understands fluting and is willing to assist at chamberwork. Apply, with city references, between 9 and 11 o'clock, at 125 West 14th st.

WANTED—A VERY GOOD SEWER; $1 25 PER DAY. Apply at 2,468 3d av., between 128th and 129th sts., first floor.

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WANTED—TWO GIRLS IN A PRIVATE FAMILY; one to cook, wash and iron; one for chamberwork and sewing. Good wages. Apply at 76 West 47th st., basement door.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN WITH A fresh breast of milk for a baby five weeks old. Apply at 208 6th st., for two days.

WANTED—A GOOD PLAIN COOK; ALSO A WILling, tidy girl as chambermaid; must come well recommended. Apply at 148 East 55th st., near Lexington av.

WANTED—A GIRL TO ATTEND A FIRST CLASS bakery, who thoroughly understands the business and books. Apply at 922 6th av., corner 53d st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

14 GRAND ST.—A RESPECTABLE YOUNG COLored man as first class waiter or to wait on a gentleman; understands the full charge of a dining room; best reference given. Call on or address G. M.

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A YOUNG MAN WISHES A SITUATION AS COACHman and gardener; can milk and take care of a furnace and make himself generally useful; good city reference. Address H., box 219 Herald office.

A COACHMAN'S SITUATION WANTED—BY A SINgle man; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches. Apply for one week at his present employer's, 15 East 25th st. J. D. H.

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8:35—Grand Incantation Scene.
9:10—The Grotto of Stalactti, with Miss Pauline Markham's beautiful rope.
9:18—Grand Ballet des Ferns, Marietta Bonfanti and the full Corps de Ballet.
9:30—Grand Developing Scene from the Grotto to the Fern Lake of Silver pillows, with the Crystal Cascade.
9:50—Illuminated Gold Terrace, with the Grand Candelabra Ballet.
9:55—The Pas de Deux, Bonfanti and Novissima.
10—Pas de Folie.
10:5—Naiads Girls' Dance.
10:8—The Parisienne Macabre Dance.
10:11—The Wonderful Balloon.
10:15—The Great Skaters, Mme. and Goodrich.
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POST OFFICE AND UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY,
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WROUGHT AND CAST IRON WORK.
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M. January 15, 1871, for furnishing, delivering, fitting and putting in place the cast and wrought iron work exhibited in plans, specifications and schedules now in this office, consisting of cast iron columns, bedplates, &c., and wrought iron beams, girders, &c.
The work of the columns, iron beams and girders must be furnished, delivered, fitted and put in place complete within four months after date of written notice to commence the work, and the remainder as rapidly as required by the progress of the work, and as demanded by the Superintendent.
The contractors will be permitted the use of the derricks and engines in putting the work in place without charge, but will be required to pay the time of the men employed in working them, who will be furnished by the department when required.
Scaffolding to be furnished by the contractors.
Proposals will be made by the piece or by weight for the various castings and beams, as provided for in the schedules.
The work will not be subdivided among different bidders, but will be considered in the aggregate.
Payments will be made monthly, deducting ten per cent, until the final completion of the contract.
All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond in the sum $25,000 that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded to him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court or District Attorney of the district where he resides.
The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the government to do so; and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposals be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of cast or wrought iron work, and who have not the necessary facilities for getting out the castings or rolled beams.
Proposals will be endorsed "Bids for Iron Work," and addressed to CALVIN T. HULBURD, Superintendent.

PROPOSALS FOR $250,000 DOCK BONDS OF THE City of New York.
Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's Office until Wednesday, December 28, 1870, at 12 o'clock P. M. when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of $250,000 of Dock Bonds of the city of New York, authorized by chapter 388 of Laws of 1870, and by a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, passed December 14, 1870.
Said bonds will bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, payable on the 1st day of May and November in each year, and the principal will be redeemed on the 1st day of November, 1891.
The proposals will state the amount of bonds desired and the price per $100 thereof, and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premium thereon.
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at 11 o'clock, at salesrooms, 95 Chambers and 77 Reade sts., continuation sale of
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consisting of Pedro Domecq's Pale Sherry, Seven Star Sherry; Rutherford, Duff & Co.'s Star of Carter, Monsley, Nancy Jamaica Rum, Plantation Rum, Forest Dawn Bourbon, 1853; fine Sherries, Brandies, Whiskeys, &c., in casks and demijohns; also choice selected Stock from the late firm of A. Binnager & Co., consisting of very old Madeiras, old Q Brandy, Bornano and Portello Sherries, Rioja and Dueal Port, Malmsey "Wein Bing" Wine. Particular attention called to lots of very old Wines and Liquors, many years in bottles, all of the finest quality.

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HARLEM MUSIC HALL.—KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN.

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A RARE SIGHT—The Christmas markets, with their tons of juicy, uncooked meat.

GENERAL FRANK BLAIR, JR.—The Mobile *Register* says no better man could be chosen as successor to Judge Drake, late Senator from Missouri, than General Frank Blair, Jr. Several other journals are of the same way of thinking.

THE KING ELECT OF SPAIN was to have taken his departure from Florence for Madrid on Christmas morning. He had not set out in the evening. Enjoying his festival dinner at home? A good idea, particularly for a foreign Prince when about to make his residence in Madrid. "No place like home."

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT IN ILLINOIS.—It is reported that General Grant has written a letter releasing the federal officers of restraint, and allowing them to express their opinions and preferences for Senatorial candidates in Illinois. He washes his hands of any direct action in behalf of any candidate: but it cannot well be concealed that he prefers either Dubois or Governor Palmer to General Logan.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS, our special cable telegram from London informs us, will begin on the 1st day of January. Everything has been prepared for the work of shelling the city, which, once begun, will not cease until the French capitulate. Of course the forts surrounding Paris will make it warm work for the German batteries, but the missiles hurled into the beleaguered capital will render New Year's Day of 1871 the most memorable, and, we fear, one of the saddest of days to the Parisians. Meantime our London correspondent telegraphs that the Prussians are opening a new diplomatic question with Great Britain by scuttling six English ships in the Seine and maltreating their crews.

HOPEFUL FOR ENGLAND AT NEW YEAR.—England is "heartily tired of the Alabama claims controversy, and ready to pay any impartial money award," and so forth. This cheering declaration is made by a London newspaper which professes to speak a good deal by authority. "Confess your sins at least once every year" was a church command in the English catechism long previous to the days of Henry the Eighth. The present symptom of a return to the ancient and honest rule of discipline is very hopeful. The bill is ready.

THE WAR SITUATION.—The reports from France are quite meagre this morning, and the situation is not materially changed. The official reports of the battle at Noyon show that General Faidherbe, after a severe fight, withdrew toward Amiens, and that the Prussians somewhat leisurely followed in pursuit. A heavy force of Germans that have been confronting General Chanzy in the neighborhood of Le Mans have been withdrawn to Paris. A number of outrages were perpetrated upon the people and the priests by the Germans at Orleans. It is stated, evidently on French authority, that the Prussian forces at Paris amount to only about three hundred thousand men, and that there are only about the same number free to operate against the French armies in the provinces.

The Confusion in Europe—Prim, the General Mischief Maker.

If the millennium had passed we should be disposed to think St. John had General Prim in his prophetic vision when he said in the Apocalypse the Devil should be let loose for a while to deceive the nations, "Gog and Magog," to gather them together in battle. While the world beholds with horror the frightful war that this man's king-making intrigues in the case of the Prince of Hohenzollern and the Spanish throne brought about, similar king-making intrigues in another quarter threaten revolution in Spain again and more trouble for Europe. He aspires to be more than the Warwick of the nineteenth century. The news we are receiving from Spain shows that Prim's scheme to make the Duke of Aosta King is bitterly opposed by powerful factions and a large portion of the Spanish people. The Peninsula is in a revolutionary ferment again in consequence of this attempt to erect another monarchy in Spain. No doubt the amiable young Italian prince is as unobjectionable as any other monarchical puppet would be, though he is a foreigner; but the Spaniards do not want him for their master. Both the republican sentiment and Spanish pride are aroused at the attempt to foist a foreign youth upon them as their ruler. The popular demonstrations in Spain, at which the people stuck maccaroni in their hats, were significant, and showed how the proud Spanish blood became inflamed at the thought of this alien and Italian being forced upon the throne that had been occupied by a long line of illustrious native princes. There is more trouble ahead, evidently, from this new king-making scheme of Prim.

Not only are the revolutionary elements of Spain thrown into a state of fermentation again by this monarchical intrigue, but Italy may be brought into trouble as well. The question of the Papacy begins to take an embarrassing shape, and the vast numbers of devoted Catholics and the Catholic priesthood, both in Spain and throughout the world, will look with no favor upon the son of Victor Emmanuel occupying the throne of the most Catholic country in Europe. Then, again, what does the rumored incipient hostility of Prussia to Italy mean? Bismarck begins to growl at Italy and the House of Savoy. Does this ambitious statesman look upon the strides of the House of Savoy to extended dominion over the Latin race with disfavor? Does he aspire to rule Continental Europe and to regulate the Papacy and the dynasties himself? There are some indications that the new German empire may assume protection over the Papacy, and it would not be surprising if Bismarck should wish to keep the Spanish throne question open a little longer so as to give another chance to the Hohenzollerns. A member of the Prussian royal family on the throne of Spain would prove a counterpoise to the ambition of the house of Savoy and tend to keep the Latin race of Southern Europe under Germanic restraint. There is evidently some significance in Bismarck's growl at Italy, and Victor Emmanuel and Prim may be laying the foundation of another war in this Aosta affair.

But with regard to our remark that Prim appears to be Satan let loose for the purpose of throwing the nations into war, it may be well to glance at the career of this mischief maker. One of his first movements as a revolutionist or agitator was during the Christina and Carlist war. He was then on the side of Christina, the Regent Queen-mother. He was then about twenty-two years of age and had attained the rank of colonel. After the revolution which resulted in her flight and the elevation of Espartero to the dictatorship he joined the opposition or progressista party. Being accused of complicity with the insurrection of Saragossa, in 1842, he took refuge in France. He took the lead in another insurrection at Reus against Espartero, after he returned to Spain. When Espartero fell and the Queen-mother was restored he came into favor and was created a general and a count. Undertaking to suppress a revolt in Barcelona he used his force to keep Catalonia in insurrection for a year. He was disgraced for this and tried for high treason as an accomplice in the attempt to assassinate Narvaez. In 1853 he joined the Ottoman army in the Russo-Turkish war. Afterwards he became a Deputy in the Spanish Cortes. Then he commanded a division in the Spanish-Morocco war in 1859–60. In 1861 he was appointed to the chief command of the Spanish expedition against Mexico, which was intended to co-operate with the French and British forces. From some disagreement he withdrew the Spanish force to Cuba. Both he and the British left the Emperor Napoleon to carry out the scheme of squelching an American republic and erecting a monarchy on our border. All were influenced by the same motive, and Prim among the rest. It was a war against republicanism on the American Continent, and a blow aimed indirectly at this republic while it was in the agony of civil war. In 1866 Prim—the restless agitator and revolutionist—put himself at the head of another insurrectionary movement in Spain. This was soon suppressed. He made another similar abortive attempt in 1867. In 1868 he joined the revolutionists that deposed Isabella. Since that time he has taken the most prominent part in Spanish affairs. It has always been a mystery what the prolonged conference between Prim and that other arch intriguer, Napoleon, at Biarritz, was about. Looking at Prim's antecedents and character, as well as at those of Napoleon, there is little doubt that some scheme to disturb the world was discussed. Then we come down to the Hohenzollern business, which Prim concocted, and the terrible consequences the world has witnessed. Last, we have the intrigue to put an Italian prince on the Spanish throne against the will of the people, and, as a consequence, the prospect of more revolution and bloodshed, and possibly of a more general war in Europe. May it not be said, then, that this arch agitator and monarchical revolutionist is Satan let loose to deceive the nations and to plunge them into war?

A SAD HOMESTEAD AT CHRISTMAS.—Mr. John Walter, Jr., son of the editor-in-chief of the London *Times*, was drowned yesterday by the breaking of the ice on which he was skating. A very sad accident, indeed; a most mournful visitation.

The Second Day of Christmas.

It is not often that Christmas is stretched out to so long a term as it has been this year. One day usually suffices for a full religious and secular celebration of the great festival event of Christendom, and the devout religious services of the clergy, the jollier merry-making of the laymen, the *Te Deum* of the cathedral organ and the dreadful clatter of the fantastics' horns are usually commingled together within brimful limits of one happy day. But this year we have had a more generous libation of the festive season. We have had two days and a half of Christmas—for we must count Christmas Eve as a part of the grand occasion—just as they have three days of election in Georgia. We have had a Lenten and a carnival Christmas; only the Lent and carnival have changed places in this instance, and Lent has come first. One day of the festival has been devoted to the worship of the Deity whose birth gave it to us, the other to the creature rejoicings that the glad event always calls forth. We have had our religion and our rollicking separate, and the general verdict of fired humanity is that we would rather take them in the usual way hereafter. The occasion is so inlaid with a Mosaic work of religion and rejoicing together that it seems like dissecting Christmas to set aside a day for each. Charity and Christianity and good cheer, all mixed together, make a good Christmas, and to take one on Sunday and the others on Monday is like the whiskey and sugar and lemon that only require mixing to make a good punch.

The day yesterday was devoted to the mad merriment of the fantasticals, the matinées, the balls and the pleasure-taking world generally. The indispensable Christmas tree was set out with its wondrous fruits, the jolly Santa Claus was dashing from house to house all day with his marvellous cargo for good children, and the graceful skaters were gliding in their many-colored garbs over the frozen mirrors in the Park. Charity, that glory of New York, was busy in her noiseless way among the poor—at the overflowing dinner tables of her institutions, at the humble hearths of the tenement houses, among the shivering Arabs on the quiet streets—wherever want could be found there Charity came with her open hand. Church services, merry making, rejoicing, dancing, fashion and jollity are always "great" in New York on Christmas Day, but the greatest of these is charity. And so the second day of Christmas is ended, and the tired world of New York awaits with some apprehension the approach of that other festival, dear especially to New York, of the New Year.

Benedetti's Explanations.

The HERALD of yesterday contained the explanations of Count Benedetti, the late Ambassador of France at the Court of King William. The explanations are full of interest. Some of the explanations are not revelations. It was well known that France was instrumental in putting an end to the war of 1866. Benedetti lays the blame of the war entirely on the French people. He denied that there was any insult either given or experienced at Ems. When the report got abroad to the effect that there was bad feeling between himself and King William no one was more surprised than the King himself. More than that, his mission to Ems was a complete success. The father of the Prince Hohenzollern wrote to the Cabinet at Madrid intimating that his son was no longer a candidate for the Spanish crown, and King William was specially desirous that it should be known that he acquiesced in the renunciation. But the demagogues of the Corps Législatif must humble Prussia by exacting a promise that no prince of the house of Hohenzollern should for the future consent to mount the throne of Spain. King William would not yield; and Napoleon yielded to the mob. The result—behold it! As we have always said, France deserved punishment. Now that she has received it let us hope for an early peace.

FRENCH MILITARY HONOR AS VINDICATED AGAINST BISMARCK.—Count Bismarck's charges against the military-honor of France, as set forth in his recent circular to the representatives of the North German Confederation serving at the seats of foreign governments, have touched the French nation to the very quick and in the keenest manner. The Prussian Premier, as was specially reported by cable telegram in the HERALD, alleged that French officers of rank—naming General Ducrot and others as of the number—had broken their parole of honor, passed into the French lines, taken out new commissions and fought against the Germans who had paroled them. Count Bismarck asked in conclusion, as will be remembered, "Can or will a nation which encourages and rewards such conduct observe the faith of a treaty?" To all this a French newspaper republican organ replies in the article which we republish after translation. The explanation is of a very spirited character there is no mincing of the words used in refutation, and the case of General Ducrot is individually touched and explained as being in strict accordance with the "code" both at and after Sedan.

A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN, just at this cold season, when we are suffering from a more than ordinary sharp "snap," is San Francisco. A despatch from there says that numbers of invalids are seeking its salubrious climate for the restoration of their health, and that strawberries, tomatoes, new potatoes, grapes, oranges and garden vegetables of all kinds are abundant in the market. Imagine strawberries and cream for a Christmas dinner! The climate of Southern California is so delicious that people of delicate constitutions are constantly repairing in that direction in preference to Florida, Cuba or the Bahamas, which used to be the popular resorts. Europeans will soon discover that there is no place in Southern Europe superior in climate for invalids to this portion of our Pacific coast in the winter season, and we should not wonder if in a few years the wine-bearing valleys of California were more frequented by this class than the present haunts in the south of France.

THE MOUNT CENIS TUNNEL work is so near to completion that the men, who are working from opposite directions towards each other, can exchange greetings through the slight barrier of obstruction which still separates them. A *De Profundis Clamavi* of modern progress.

Governor Holden's Impeachment—A Poor Bid for a General Amnesty.

The House of Commons of North Carolina has impeached Governor Holden, and he is to be tried before the State Senate on charges and specifications of certain "high crimes and misdemeanors," in the usurpation and exercise of despotic powers dangerous to the liberties of the people. Governor Holden is a radical; the Legislature impeaching him is democratic. Last summer certain murders and other outrages committed upon citizens in the back counties of North Carolina obnoxious to the Ku Klux Klan resulted in such excitements and disorders that Governor Holden proclaimed the disturbed counties in a State of insurrection, and called out the militia to restore law and order. He also appealed directly to President Grant for assistance, and the President's sympathies and convictions being on the side of the Governor, certain United States troops, if we are not mistaken, were so placed in North Carolina as to be called into requisition, in the event of the failure of all other means to re-establish law and order in the alleged insurrectionary counties. The troubles in question, however, were, with much wrangling, reduced to a sort of armistice, and then being merged with other local and general issues into the State election, the result was a complete defeat of the Governor and his party, especially in the ultra Southern character and materials of the Legislature elected.

This Legislature strongly represents the sympathies and souvenirs, the elements and ideas of the "lost cause." Governor Holden, in his remorseless pursuit of the mysterious assassins of the Ku Klux Klan, and all parties declared or supposed to be affiliated with them, has brought upon himself these impeachment proceedings. The impeachers, as a beginning, have suspended him from the exercise of his official powers during his trial, which is decidedly worse than the treatment of President Johnson in his impeachment; and the general presumption is that for calling out the militia to suppress a constructive insurrection, and upon other charges of this sort, Governor Holden will be expelled from his office.

Here the question is suggested, what have these North Carolina democrats to gain by this extreme measure of party retaliation against Governor Holden? This very Legislature has just elected ex-Governor Vance to the United States Senate, a body which is invested with full power to judge and decide upon "the election and qualifications of its members." This body represents the party of Governor Holden. The Senator elected by the anti-Holden Legislature belongs to a class concerned in the late rebellion whose disabilities under the fourteenth amendment can be removed only by a two-thirds vote of each house of Congress. Is the violent Southern party spirit betrayed in this impeachment of Holden "a good move" in behalf of Senator Vance for this two-thirds vote in Congress? No; it is by no means a good move in this direction. Again, there is a general amnesty bill pending in Congress. Is this extreme measure of party revenge in North Carolina calculated to encourage either House of Congress in the passage of this Amnesty bill? No. On the other hand, we fear that by the election of Vance and the impeachment of Holden a general amnesty in Congress has been knocked in the head. We find, too, that General Grant, a man of very generous inclinations, thinks that it is too soon yet for a general amnesty; and in his late annual message he broadly hints at various Southern elections carried by means of violence and intimidation.

This North Carolina impeachment case, however, is a most discouraging illustration of the unrelenting partisan bitterness of the Southern elements concerned in the late rebellion. It appears that while asking every concession they have none to give; that while scolding and whining over every disability as a great wrong, they have no sooner the power to punish obnoxious radicals, "scalawags" and "carpet baggers," than they exercise their power to the fullest extent. All such manifestations of wrath and vengeance on the part of the Southern democracy are bad and full of mischief. They lead to the conclusion that the Southern people do not accept, but only submit for the time being to the laws of reconstruction, and that they are working and waiting for the opportunity to upset all these laws, and to wipe out the national debt, as the debt of an unconstitutional war upon the sovereign rights of the States. This is the political road pointed out by various Southern manifestations during the year, and especially by Governor Holden's impeachment, with Vance's election to the Senate. This policy of demanding everything and yielding nothing means anything but peace and harmony. It was, moreover, this Southern democratic policy that swamped Seymour in 1868, but what it may do in 1870 we cannot tell.

THE CITY ON SKATES.—The ponds in and around the city are now in fine skating order. In the phraseology of the rink, "the ball is up." Many of the ponds were kaleidoscoped with gayly dressed performers on Sunday, youthful adventurers upon the virgin ice being of course most numerous. The severe cold snap of Sunday night, however, put the rinks in order for the opening of the carnival yesterday. We thus have a fair start for a good Christmas skating season. It is to be hoped that every one will be in fine spirits to enjoy this splendid hygienic amusement. A good season on the ice is better than an army of doctors, and worth more than fifty miles long of drug stores.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH MOBILE.—The Mobile *Register* strongly advocates the permanent establishment of a regular steam line between that city and New York. Steam communication between the two ports is at present very irregular, and a regularly established line, starting on advertised days, is a great desideratum. It is to be hoped that some of our enterprising shipping merchants will take the matter in hand—if they have not already done so—and supply our friends in Mobile with all the steam communication they desire. We understand that the subject is under advisement in a responsible quarter.

TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS DINNER was eaten by a poor fellow in Philadelphia on Sunday. His last mouthful of beef choked him to death.

A Nice Point on the Alabama Claims.

A correspondent, writing to us on Reverdy Johnson's letter to Mr. John A. Parker relative to the Alabama claims, suggests that the ex-Minister does not go far enough in his statement of the facts. For example, where Mr. Johnson says the underwriters have paid all the claims of the owners of vessels for losses sustained by the Alabama, amounting to the sum of $12,643,000, our correspondent argues that this does not cover the entire loss. The extra insurance charged by the insurance companies upon all vessels in consequence of the terror inspired by the Alabama is not covered by the amount named above. This is a loss that fell generally upon insurers and the country, and is not estimated. Now suppose the insurance companies get back the twelve millions and upwards they have paid for losses by the Alabama, they will then be gainers to the amount of the extra insurance they charged on all vessels. In short, the destruction by the Alabama will prove to them a most profitable thing. The point our correspondent makes, then, is that if the insurance companies get back the money they have paid on the loss of vessels the insurers generally who paid an extra premium or rate of insurance ought to get back also the extra amount they paid to the companies. This is a nice point, and as Mr. Reverdy Johnson is an eminent lawyer and statesman perhaps he will throw some light upon it.

"A Cold Snap."

We have had, for eight or ten days, "a cold snap," covering, we calculate, more than four-fifths of the area of the United States, leaving Alaska out to itself in the cold. From our observations and recollections of years past, however, "a cold snap" at Christmas is no extraordinary thing, but is a visitation to be expected, as is, too, "a warm spell," with snow and rain and slush, about New Year. But why so? Briefly it is because the Earth, in its daily revolutions on its axis, and in its yearly circuit around the glorious Sun, comes about the 21st of December, to what we may call a career from the northward, like that of a ship tacking on a high wave. Hence these rough, cold winds from the North Pole about Christmas. Within eight or ten days, the Earth having settled upon her keel again, we have the reactionary winds from the South, and hence the warm spell about New Year, with its snow, sleet, thaw, rain and slush. The rule, we think, is established, and a failure is only an exception to the rule.

The Women at Loggerheads.

Miss Catharine Beecher and Mrs. Livermore, both women of strong minds, had a little tussle in Boston on the question of woman suffrage. They were both eloquent. They had each their strenuous supporters, but the genius of the Beechers was on the right side of the question. Her arguments were clearly to the point. What a woman can do to advance her position by obtaining the privilege of voting she can do as well now, by exercising her irresistible influence upon the men who have votes. Miss Beecher contended that women can get all they require by keeping in their proper sphere and using their power over men—voters and law-makers—almighty Joves as they are. The answering argument of the enthusiastic Mrs. Livermore was but the old, vague, wearisome story of woman's "wrongs" in the abstract, half of which are imaginary, and the other half of which are probably brought on by the restless and discontented of their sex, who can never be happy unless they are the heroines of some little domestic trouble, which they delight to bring before the public in some shape, sometimes in the lecture room and sometimes in the court room. The common sense view of this question of woman's right to suffrage is pretty fairly embodied in Miss Beecher's views—namely, that a woman to-day, in our community can obtain all the rights and privileges necessary for her comfort and the maintenance of her proper position in society without the exercise of the suffrage. Rely upon the chivalry of the men, who are invested with the power to make woman a queen among gods, and there will be no disappointment. They have crowned her already and they are loyal to their professions. This is the philosophy of Miss Beecher's argument. It is a new and a strong point in this much-vexed question of woman suffrage, and we commend it to the consideration of the dissatisfied males and females who are worrying the public with the incessant cry of woman's rights and woman's wrongs.

NILSSON IN CHICAGO—A SPLENDID OVATION TO HER.—The Chicago people do everything on a grand scale. Successful as Nilsson has been, and much as she has been honored in other parts of the country, the ovation to her at Chicago last Thursday eclipsed everything of the kind to her since she has been in the United States. There are a good many Swedes in Chicago, and they resolved to give their charming and popular countrywoman a grand reception, and to crown her with a beautiful gold wreath. The whole scene was exciting and enthusiastic. Both in the conception of it and carrying it out there was a vein of poetry and classic beauty that carries the mind back to the classic times of Greece when Sappho and other famous women were honored and crowned in a similar manner. Nilsson wins all hearts wherever she goes. She has learned to love America already, and it is not surprising that she has when such heartfelt honors are spontaneously accorded to her.

THE POPE AND HIS KIND FRIENDS.—In the days of his sore trouble, when his temporalities have been wrenched from him, and when sorrows unknown seem impending, the Holy Father is not wanting for friends. King William abounds with promises and generous offers. Francis Joseph is not forgetting him. Even the Queen and Prime Minister of Protestant England are sympathizing and generous. Fulda, or Malta, or Nice, or Elba, or Sicily, or Madeira might do very well for a Papal residence; but if the Holy Father is wise he will remain where he is. Let the friends of the Pope provide for his comfort in Rome.

THE MISSOURI SPLIT.—We publish to-day a very interesting exposition from Washington of the Missouri split in the republican party, showing how the Gratz Brown and Carl Schurz bolters killed the goose which laid their golden eggs.

Ostentatious Liberality.

The recent contribution of fifty thousand dollars by William M. Tweed to the poor of the Seventh ward might have been all very well if there had not been so much parade and ostentation about it. The Scriptural adjuration, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth," has been signally disregarded in this case, and exposes the donor of the contribution to the imputation of having some hidden and selfish motive in making it. There are, no doubt, hundreds of private citizens of New York who have made as munificent donations to the poor and the world has never known a word of it. In the present instance the contribution, it appears, is to be placed in the hands of a committee, with Mr. Tweed himself as the honorary head thereof. Who is to know how, when and where the money is expended, or whether it is expended at all, or whether the bulk of it does not find its way among the fleeces of Mr. Tweed's myriads of "pet lambs?" Taken in a political point of view, the notoriety given to this affair will have the effect of causing the people to think that the charges of corruption against the Tammany ring are correct, and that this Tweed fifty thousand dollar gift enterprise is simply a salve to cover numerous jobs and contracts and schemes for public plunder, for which Tammany has been repeatedly arraigned before the bar of public opinion. Instead of having a beneficial, it is more likely to have a damaging effect upon the political plans of Tammany. Will not people say, "Well, what of this fifty thousand dollar donation? Is it not only restoring to the people an atom, small as a single sand upon the seashore, of what is their own? Has not the donor given as much for a private stable as he has appropriated in this pompous way for the relief of the poor of the Seventh ward? Why, the price of one of his horse blankets would keep a whole family in the ward in provisions for a month."

But, whatever its political effect may be, it would have been much wiser for Mr. Tweed to have made his contribution quietly and unostentatiously, than to have had it emblazoned to the world in the glaring manner it has been.

Shopkeepers as Detectives.

Our local columns have recently contained accounts of the arrest of several respectable ladies on charges of shoplifting. In each case the charge has been dismissed by the sitting magistrate, and the respectability of the accused fully established. These arrests were made under a system now in vogue in some of our large stores of feeing clerks for detecting shoplifters. It is a poor system at best, for none but the most expert in the detective business should be employed in this delicate service. In the cases under consideration the regular detectives should have been sufficiently well acquainted with human nature to have discovered at once whether they had or had not innocent persons under arrest. It is no excuse to say that it is next to impossible to discern a respectable lady from an accomplished thief. In London and Paris the police are expected to know enough about their business not to make arrests upon frivolous charges when the evidence of criminality is manifestly wanting. Is it not somewhat singular that with all the vigilance exercised by these shopkeeping clerk-detectives not a single case of actual shoplifting was made out as having occurred upon the same premises during the days these respectable ladies were arrested and placed in humiliating confinement?

THE "CITY OF DISASTERS."—The late terrible catastrophe in Richmond calls to mind the burning of the theatre on the 26th of December, 1811, when seventy victims, including the Governor of Virginia, perished in the flames; the conflagration which laid waste so large a portion of the town in 1865, just before the end of the war; the fall of a chain bridge in 1869; the loss of fifty-six lives at the fall of a part of the Capitol, and the immense destruction of property by the floods during the present year. The heroic endurance of the people of Richmond under all their afflictions merits no less sympathy than admiration. That unfortunate city is but too well entitled to the appellation of the "City of Disasters." New York is aptly called the "City of Charities." It is true the sufferers in the present case may not be among the poorer classes; but there are, no doubt, many who have lost their all, and several families must have been deprived of the sources of their maintenance by the destruction of the Spottswood. Why cannot a fund be raised among the Richmond residents in this city in aid of those who may need assistance?

THE ANNEXATION OF WESTCHESTER.—The full report of a Committee of Property Owners in Fordham against the proposed annexation of Westchester to New York is published elsewhere. Evidently New York must expand in some direction, and it will soon overflow Westchester county, whether there is annexation or not.

AMERICAN ELECTORS FOR 1872.—The Fenian convicts who were held in Portland prison, England, have been discharged. Portland prison is really a tomb for the living, and the Irish "martyrs" have borne its dungeon rigors with great heroism for years. They will enjoy their reward about the time of the next Presidential election in the United States. "A good time coming; the day of Jubilo."

BURGLARY IN MONTCLAIR, N. J.

On Christmas night the residence of Mr. D. T. Warren, at Montclair, N. J., was entered by burglars and a lot of valuable personal property carried off, including some costly laces, a black lace shawl, a handsome colored silk dress, some choicely marked underclothing, &c., in all worth about $600. An entrance was effected through a basement window. Mr. Warren had just arrived in the country with his family from a visit to Europe, but had not yet reached his home, which had been left in charge of a man. The latter was away all day on Sunday until ten o'clock at night, and, as the house is well provided with burglar alarms, it is believed that the burglary was perpetrated prior to that time. A brace of Newark detectives visited the scene yesterday, but whether they received any information that will result in the capture of the cracksmen is yet to be seen.

In Newark, early yesterday morning, before daylight, some gentlemen of the "jimmy" tried to get into Mass' fancy store, on Broad street, but failed, for reasons best known to themselves.

THE WEATHER AT MOUNT WASHINGTON.

SUMMIT, MOUNT WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1870.
Observations taken at 7 P. M. are as follows:—Barometer, 23.568; thermometer, 9 degrees below zero; relative humidity, 58; wind, north; velocity of wind, 64 miles an hour.

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FRANCE.

PARIS STILL DEFIANT.

The Bombardment of the City to Begin New Year's Day.

Bishops and Priests Hunted Down by the Prussians.

THE BATTLE OF THE VILLAGES.

Magnificent Bayonet Charge by the French Troops.

THE FRENCH SLEEP ON THE BATTLE FIELD

Formidable Expedition Preparing to Embark from Brest.

English Ships in the Seine Scuttled by the Germans.

The Expulsion of the Invaders from French Soil Resolved On.

THE BOMBARDMENT AT HAND.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Paris to be Bombarded on New Year's Day—Everything in Readiness.

LONDON, Dec. 27—Morning.

I learn from private and reliable sources that the bombardment of three of the Paris forts will begin on the first day of January. These forts are situated on the south side of the city. Everything is ready and all the details arranged.

The attack and bombardment would have commenced sooner but for the considerations of the festival of Christmas entertained by the German soldiers. On the night of the New Year shells will be thrown into different parts of Paris for the purpose of establishing the range of the German guns, after which the bombardment will continue incessantly until the capitulation.

THE BESIEGED CAPITAL.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Later from Paris—The People Still Defiant—No Surrender—German Delusions Dispelled.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent at Paris, writing under date of December 19, says:—

STILL DEFIANT.

The condition of the city is much better than could have been expected a month ago. The manner in which the inhabitants sustain themselves is marvellous. I should say, however, that as a rule the people are paler and thinner than formerly, and some respectable looking persons have been seen to beg in the streets. Nevertheless there is no talk of surrender, and the outcry for sorties is general. The inhabitants are determined to resist till the last grain of food is consumed.

GERMAN DELUSIONS DISPELLED.

It is believed that the Germans have become so exasperated by the resistance of Paris that after the fall of the city they will make terrible reprisals. The eyes of the world are now fixed upon Paris. The Germans can no longer boast of that superiority over the French which they have enjoyed for months, and now that the heroism of the enemy has put an end to the delusion, they have become more rational, serious and revengeful. Meanwhile the French outworks are now so far in advance of the city that you may shortly hear of the destruction of Versailles.

French Loss in the Present Sorties—Confidence of the Inhabitants Still Undiminished.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

Balloon advices from Paris to the 22d are at hand. There had been no more fighting. The French loss in the sortie of the 21st was reported at about 800. The confidence of the inhabitants is undiminished.

CLOSING UP THE SEINE.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

English Vessels Scuttled in the Seine—Their Crews Robbed.

LONDON, Dec. 27—Morning.

The Havre correspondent of the London *Times* forwards the following intelligence from that city under date of yesterday, which I transmit specially for the NEW YORK HERALD:—

The Prussians have scuttled six English vessels at Duclair, a small town situated on the Seine, a few miles from Rouen. This was done for the purpose of impeding the navigation of the river. The crews were turned adrift to sleep on the ground after they had been robbed of their money and other property.

THE GERMANS AT ORLEANS.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

French Reports of German Excesses in Orleans—Inhumanity and Sacrilege—Priests Ill-Treated—State of Affairs at Bordeaux.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

I have received a despatch from the Bordeaux correspondent of the NEW YORK HERALD, dated December 21, from which I extract the following intelligence:—

GERMAN EXCESSES IN ORLEANS.

The newspapers here (Bordeaux) state that the condition of the armies in the field is daily improving. Great excitement exists in Bordeaux in consequence of the conduct of the Germans at Orleans. Bishop Dupanloup has been subjected to the greatest indignities. It is reported that he has addressed a pastoral to the French clergy invoking the vengeance of Heaven on the "barbarians."

INHUMANITY AND SACRILEGE.

It is stated that the Cathedral of Orleans was filled with thousands of French prisoners, who were left without bread or fuel, while the Germans played the organ in derision of their sufferings.

ILL-TREATMENT OF PRIESTS.

A priest, dressed in his clerical robes and wearing the badge of the International Aid Society for the Wounded, while attending a dying soldier had his head laid open by a sabre cut. Another clergyman was shot for refusing to give information relative to the French army camped between St. Nandre and St. Regatien and Dampierre.

ACTIVITY IN BORDEAUX.

Great activity is displayed in Bordeaux in instructing the troops, and the best spirit prevails throughout the country. Men of all grades of society are ready to assist in the national defence.

THE BATTLE NEAR AMIENS.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

French Official Report—The Prussians Give Battle Between Daours and Contay—Brave Resistance of the French—A Grand Bayonet Charge—The Battle Field at Night Occupied by the French.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 25, 1870.

General Faidherbe, commanding the Army of the North, reports as follows to the Minister of War:—

The Prussians gave us battle on the 23d instant. We were well posted, between Daours and Contay. Our troops fought admirably during the entire day.

VILLAGES TAKEN AND RETAKEN.

Villages were taken and retaken. At five in the afternoon our success was complete. We drove the enemy before us with the bayonet. During the night the Prussians entered some villages in the valley, but they did not try to attack our positions.

THE FRENCH SLEEP ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Other reports say General Faidherbe was successful on his right and left wings, and his army slept on the field of battle, but the result was indecisive. The next day, the enemy showing no disposition to renew the fight, General Faidherbe returned to Albert.

German Official Report of the Battle.

BERLIN, Dec. 25, 1870.

King William telegraphs to the Queen that General Manteuffel won a victory on the 23d near Amiens, taking 1,000 prisoners, and commenced to pursue the French in the direction of Arras to-day.

THE BATTLE AT NUITS.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Fighting All Day—Orderly French Retreat—The New Levies Fighting Like Veterans—Losses on Both Sides.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

An account of the battle of the 18th at Nuits from French sources says the force opposed to the Prussians numbered 19,000 men and had three batteries of artillery. The combat lasted all day. At evening the French retreated in an orderly manner about a thousand yards.

THE NEW LEVIES FOUGHT LIKE VETERANS.

The Prussians abandoned Nuits on the morning of the 19th, but subsequently returned and reoccupied the place. The French put their loss at 1,200 killed and wounded, and claim that the enemy lost some 5,000 men.

FRANCE AWAKENED.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Bordeaux and the North in Communication—Bourbaki Confident—On to Paris—An Expedition from Brest—The Organization of the New Levies Hastened—The Invaders Must Be Expelled.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 25, 1870.

Telegraphic communication between this city and the north of France has been restored.

WORD FROM BOURBAKI.

General Bourbaki sends the government a favorable account of the army under his command.

ON TO PARIS.

An official despatch from Le Mans, of December 24, announces that the Prussians have withdrawn from Nogent le Rotrou. Seventy-five thousand men passed through the town going in the direction of Paris.

A FORCE FROM BREST.

A fleet of transports is preparing to leave Brest, with a considerable force, for an unknown destination.

THE NEW LEVIES.

The French government is hastening the organization of district camps for new levies.

THE INVADERS TO BE EXPELLED.

The people of Lyons are confident that the invaders will be expelled from France.

THE GERMAN ARMIES.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The German Armies in France—Numbers and Location—Garrison Duty at Home.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

The total effective force of the German armies now in France is set down in round numbers at 600,000, half of which is now before Paris. In addition to this number 100,000 men are reported on the sick list. It is estimated that 300,000 Germans have been killed or disabled since the beginning of the war.

GARRISON DUTY IN PRUSSIA

is to be entrusted to volunteers who, by reason of being under or over age, or of having served their terms, are not liable to military service.

NIGHT RIDE WITH GAMBETTA.

A Train Stopped by the Uhlans—Subsequent Escape and Pursuit.

Visit to the Army of the Loire—On the Road—The Prussians Hold the Line—Gambetta's Resolve—Uhlans Ahead—Beating a Retreat—Fired On—Trying It Again—Bad News.

TOURS, Dec. 5, 1870.

I must hasten to send you a description of my yesterday's adventures, although the fatigue they have occasioned me makes me feel hardly capable of holding my pen. Yesterday morning I was sipping my coffee and glancing at a pile of newspapers, with a boding sensation that, sooner or later, I should have to read them, when a rapid foot, or, to speak more correctly, two rapid feet, ascended my stairs, and a knock came at my door.

AN EARLY VISITOR.

"A letter," thought I, for the hour was almost too precocious for a visitor. "Come in," and in walked, or rather bounced, a familiar spirit of mine, and also of M. Gambetta—an individual unknown to fame, but exceedingly useful, both to the exalted Minister and my humble self.

"Why, Henri! I did not expect to see you arriving with this lark-like earliness."

"No, *mon cher*, but I have great news for you, for the communication of which I shall expect you to be eternally grateful. We have just had a despatch from De Paladines saying he means, after all, to concentrate his troops on Orleans, and so Gambetta means to fly over to Orleans and see the deed accomplished."

"When?"

"In about half an hour."

"How?"

"By special train."

"My dear fellow, you must arrange me a place in his suite."

After a swarm of troubles as numerous and as tiresome as a swarm of gnats this arrangement was made, and I followed the Minister to the station.

ON THE WAY.

We did not get into the same carriage with Gambetta, whom I observed at the station, looking fierce and talking a good deal. We felt very much excited about the end of our journey, as we could not but feel that it was a toss-up whether we found Prussians or French at the end of it. The train was signalled to stop at a small station we should otherwise have passed, and one of the officials was seen speaking to Gambetta at his carriage windows. Henri sprang out to hear what was going on. He presently came back, looking disturbed. "This is pleasant," said he. "They report here that the Prussians are in possession of the line near Orleans, and that we shall not get there to-night."

"Pleasant," I remarked, but once more the train moved off. We went on very slowly, several times stopping and receiving reports of the presence of the Prussians higher up.

Still Gambetta persevered till the brief wintry day was drawing to a close, and through the dull gray light and desolate cold landscape we pursued our way.

UHLANS AHEAD.

But now we approached the village of La Chapelle and suddenly came to a dead stop. What had happened? Out went our heads and up went our glasses; then we soon saw what was the matter. Uhlans were the matter. There, in advance of us, was a mass of gray and white—of horses. "A detachment of Prussian cavalry," we exclaimed simultaneously. At the same moment came a flash—a crash. They were saluting us; were firing at the train. A moment afterwards a railway official sprang out and tore madly down to Gambetta's carriage. Ere he reached it the Minister's head appeared.

"BACK TO BEAUGENCY.

it is all right," he shouted; "back to Beaugency." Flash, crash, went the rifles once more. It seemed as if they must make a clean sweep of the train. The railway official stooped and looked scared, but in a moment he recovered himself, and ran towards the engine: one moment more and he sprang into a carriage and the retrograde movement began. It was time, for the horsemen were galloping towards us and we were favored with a fine "salvo shot" as we steamed off. "All right," repeated Henri, as we went on, "all right. If he calls that all right I wonder what he calls all wrong."

BEATING A RETREAT.

On our return to Beaugency all the railway officials and several unofficial persons came rushing up to the train. I saw Gambetta aright. He was instantly surrounded by a small knot of the curious, to whom we immediately joined ourselves. "We were unable to proceed," said the Minister to all and sundry; "but my mind is relieved, my doubts are set at rest. Our countrymen are defending Orleans as becomes Frenchmen. At La Chapelle I heard distinctly the sound of the cannon from Orleans. I must now get a carriage and push on as quickly as possible to Econis; there I trust good news awaits me. Take courage, my friends. France shall yet be saved." So saying, he lifted his hat to them, and we left the station and descended into the town. We went to the first hotel, and he took a carriage, with his immediate companions. Henri and I, after some little trouble, possessed ourselves of a horse apiece, tolerably good still, though somewhat the worse for wear.

PUSHING ON AGAIN.

By the time we were mounted the carriage was a good way ahead; but we pushed on after it. It was by this time very dark and very cold, and the roads were very slippery—in that uncomfortable state described by Dickens, when

There's frost upon the pathway and there's mud upon the track,
And the ice it isn't water and the water isn't free,
And you couldn't say that anything is what it ought to be.

However, we went on. No news was to be picked up through the villages that we passed. We stopped and inquired at various auberges, where our sudden appearance seemed to occasion great astonishment. In one, where a man came out and recognized the Minister, there was a great rush of the whole household and all the visitors to gaze upon him. But there was no news, and I do not think I was ever colder, crosser or hungrier in my life than when we at last came to our halting and dining place at Blois. I think Gambetta shared my feelings, he spoke so snappishly on the subject of food.

BAD NEWS.

Henri and I were trying to warm ourselves with some very bad brandy over the coffee room fire—Gambetta being up stairs in a private room—when we were interrupted by the soft approach of an awe-struck garçon, introducing a panting messenger, sent on from the Prefecture with a despatch for the Minister; he had left word there as he went by. Henri carried the message up stairs. He remained some time, then down he came.

"It's all lost," he said; "it was a message from Freycinet, that D'Aurelle had surrendered Orleans."

"Poor Gambetta! what does he say?"

"Swears like a trooper; says the General must be brought before a court martial: that he has thrown away the best position, the finest opportunity in the world. I left him breathing only wrath. But come along; he is off to the Prefecture, whence he will despatch his messages about the retreat of the army."

Gambetta and his friends came down at the moment, his eyes gleaming and his looks menacing. "You have heard that an unhappy message has arrived," he said. I expressed my concern. "It is grievous," he said, "but the Army of the Loire is still there; the republic has yet 200,000 soldiers, well provided with the material of war. No one shall doubt—we will save the country yet." With that one he went and we followed. Till a late hour he was occupied despatching orders, and it was not till three o'clock in the morning that, jaded and half frozen, we welcomed the walls of Tours again.

BATTLE FIELD OF BEAUNE-LA-ROLANDE.

Campaigning With the Army of the Red Prince.

The Village of Beaune-la-Rolande—Bravery of the French—Not Believe in Defeat—No More Surrenders—Prussian Testimony of French Valor—The Germans Opposed to Fighting Too Far From Their Base.

PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES' HEADQUARTERS, PITHIVIERS, Dec. 2, 1870.

Leaving Versailles three days ago amid a roar of artillery such as I had never heard before in the neighborhood of the beleagured city—in fact, I was told that the bombardment had actually commenced—I made the quickest route by way of Longjumeau and Etampes to this place. No obstacle to the journey was interposed by the Francs-tireurs, for the whole country is now scoured by cavalry and footmen in a zone of fifty miles south of Paris, in which we met very few soldiers, only ambulance and provision trains leading to the base on the railway either at Lagny or Bar-le-Duc.

THE JOURNEY

was made as rapidly as possible, in the expectation that a great battle could reasonably be regarded as imminent after the engagement between the Prince and General Paladines on the 28th ult. But on arriving here yesterday evening all was found quiet, and, after a hurried visit to headquarters, the only thing feasible in the way of news was to make a visit to the village of

BEAUNE-LA-ROLANDE,

where the fight took place on the 28th, and afterward to ride on down to the lines beyond. I had a letter of recommendation from Count Bernstorf, which, after much wandering in search, I took the opportunity to give to General Von Stuehle, the chief of staff of Prince Frederick and the directing head of this army. The general was very busy, but, on reading the letter gave me a most cordial reception and proffered me the courtesies of his lines and quarters. On approaching Beaune the usual signs of a battle field were visible; batteries parked or in position; camping grounds, debris of arms, cannon balls, clothing, uniform caps, helmets, dead horses, dead bodies, &c.

SCENES ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

Several poor Frenchmen of the line were lying stiff in the cold, with eyes wide opened up to heaven; their gaiters, red pants and gray overcoats looked so familiar to sight that it could almost be imagined that they were only resting or sleeping on the ground. But they were quite dead, being in the same attitude in which they fell wounded or killed. Over a thousand were found among the dead and wounded, and of the latter the improvised hospitals in the village are filled. They are attended to by the Prussians and the doctors of the English ambulance, who have just arrived.

THE FIGHTING

was in a measure for the possession of the little village of Beaune (a place of 400 or 500 inhabitants), and the inhabitants seem to have been rendered quite dumfounded and despairing by the shower of shells and balls which was lately rained down over their heads. They wander about their houses and streets pale and agitated, not knowing what is to come to them next, and evidently expecting that the village will be burned over their heads yet. On the 28th the French army in great force attacked the advanced brigade of the Prussians, consisting, all told, of about 3,000 men. The latter took refuge in the village and were ordered to

HOLD IT TO THE LAST MAN.

They immediately commenced hurriedly to loophole the houses, throw up a few small breastworks and pile up planks and logs to connect the bits of stone walls together, and so obtain a cover for themselves. At about nine o'clock in the morning the French drove in the advanced posts and shoved right around in the splendid open fields to the immediate left and right of the threatened garrison. They came up very near in overpowering numbers, surrounding the place, and yet the Prussians replied to their assaults of shot and shell until

THE PRUSSIAN CORPS CAME UP

on the ground to their relief, when, of course, Prince Frederick Charles had the better, and compelled the French to retreat to their starting point, after they had fought, however, most obstinately and bravely. They inflicted considerable punishment on the Prussians, killing and wounding over one thousand (officially recognized), and taking one gun, after cutting up an entire battery—drivers and horses killed outright. A Prussian officer told me "we had to abandon this one gun to them; for, the battery being used up, we could not withdraw all the guns."

NOT KNOWING WHEN THEY ARE BEATEN.

The French lost about 2,000 prisoners, and 1,600 in killed and wounded; but no cannon or eagles were taken from them in this the second battle under the republic. The people hereabouts call it a downright French victory, and are anxiously looking for their patriot army to come marching forward any fine day to their relief and to the relief of Paris. It was

A CURIOUS SIGHT

to view this tiny village, with its one sharp steeple jutting out in relief among the broad, beautiful plains surrounding; to see the dead bodies and débris trewed immediately around it and the Prussian batteries and soldiers swarming in the streets, with the market carts very much overtaxed by customers; with the unconcerned inhabitants flitting about like sneaking cats from door to door as if afraid some more shot and shell would pounce upon them. A beautiful, but a cold day; a lovely country, a frightened and suffering people, a nauseous sight of dead horses, skinned cattle and dead men made up the picture of the battle field of Beaune-la-Rolande, a small affair, probably, but a forerunner of more horrible sights to come—a specimen of

BARBAROUS, SENSELESS WAR

which all should see in reality to be made to clamor for its end. Really it is time that the public opinion of every civilized country should cry out in the name of humanity that France has suffered enough, that enough soldiers on both sides have been butchered. What is very clear the spirit of the French people is higher, more determined and fiercer. It rises daily, it would seem, just as it is palpable that their soldiers are fighting better and better as they increase in numbers and organization.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRENCH SOLDIERS.

Down here at Beaune they are said by the Prussians to have fought better than ever before. They could not take the village nor drive the Prussians, and had to retire to their original morning positions; still that they were not routed nor driven to Orleans, that Orleans was not captured in consequence of the fight, shows plainly that

THE DAYS OF WOERTH AND SEDAN OR OF PANIC ARE OVER.

The French army stand to-day drawn up to the number of 150,000 men under General Paladines, within Chassepot range of the Prussian sentinels, who are only a mile or a mile and a half out of the fought for village.

The Prussians number over one hundred thousand regulars, having three full corps, besides other detachments. However, they intend to stand on the defensive, wishing to wait for events at Paris, and not to risk anything so far from their base. Every day of delay is a gain to the French side; except that Paladines is expected, both by his own troops and by Trochu to come to the relief of Paris, and he can only get to the relief of the capital by running over the army of Prince Frederick.

"FRENCH HONOR."

Count Bismarck's Accusations Against French Military Honor.

National Reply on Behalf of the French—The Breaches of Parole Charged and Their Refutation—Appeal to King William from the "Calumnies" of the Premier.

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We are well accustomed to the insolence of M. de Bismarck; but he has crowned his former acts of impertinence by endeavoring officially to pollute the honor of France. He has sent to all representatives of Prussia abroad a circular, in which he tries to heap dishonor upon our officers and our government. Unable to justify his own acts of perfidy and to elude the odium heaped upon his head through pursuing with unexampled cruelty an unreasonable and unmerciful war; unable to wash off the shame with which he soils his name in endeavoring to ruin and exterminate a country and a nation who only desire peace, he casts upon those whom he wishes to destroy the condemnation which he himself deserves, and seeks to justify his own infamy in calumniating those against whom he exercises it.

The Chancellor of the North German Confederation accuses several officers, and especially General Ducrot, of having escaped when prisoners under parole. He reproaches the French government with having upheld this breach of good faith in having given him a military command, and, finally, he declares it to be impossible to place any confidence in an army which has not protested against admitting a perjurer within its ranks, or in a government which has made itself his accomplice.

The whole of this declamation and defamation is founded upon falsehood. The conduct of General Ducrot has been both explained and justified. It is not true that he escaped from the Prussian lines while a prisoner on parole. Having refused to sign the capitulation of Sedan he simply engaged to go from that city to Pont-a-Mousson. This he did. He gave himself up into the hands of the Prussian authorities, and it was not until after having thus entered into the common rights of all prisoners of war that he made his escape. The accusation named brought against General Ducrot by M. de Bismarck is but a repetition of that which has before received a victorious reply when brought forward for the first time.

Its only effect is to place another act of perfidy to M. de Bismarck's account, for perfidy it surely is to reproduce an accusation when it is supposed that sufficient time has elapsed since its first appearance for its justification to be forgotten. Happily, a page of history cannot be erased, and General Ducrot's noble protestation remains to us, as well as the no less noble reply of General Trochu, approving, in the highest terms, the conduct of his fellow officer.

"The German press," said General Ducrot, inserted no doubt by competent authority, "accuses me of having made my escape while under parole, of having lost my honor and thus placed myself outside of the law, which would give the enemy the right to have me shot in case of my again falling into their hands. I care little for threats. To be shot by Prussian balls upon the field of battle or outside of a prison door the result would be the same. I should have in either case the consolation of having fulfilled to the end my duty as a soldier and a citizen, and if I leave my children no other inheritance I shall leave them a memory honored by all worthy people, friends or enemies."

The Governor of Paris replied:—

MY DEAR GENERAL—Your conduct, both before and after the battle of Sedan, gives another proof of the energy and firmness which marked your career throughout. In the midst of a disaster which overcame the bravest hearts you have refused to have any transaction with the enemy which could be construed with a treaty. You gave your parole to surrender yourself as prisoner of war at Pont-a-Mousson and this was all. And there, having officially made yourself a prisoner, thus redeeming your parole, you conceived and executed, in the face of great danger, a bold escape, by which you hoped to assist Paris without loss of time. Well does the enemy know the value of your help, and this, in truth, is the only cause of complaint that public opinion of Germany has against you. Be sure that he of the Prussian army, whose royal witness I am about to invoke by forwarding your letter to the King himself, will render you justice. For ourselves we do not even require your affirmations in order to give it you. Receive this assurance, although it is equally superfluous to you, from the oldest and most affectionate of your companions in arms.

GENERAL TROCHU, Governor of Paris.

With M. de Bismarck's permission we consider General Trochu as good a judge as himself in matters of honor. The facts, however, speak for themselves and leave no ground for discussion, and it is self-evident that the Prussian Minister's circular is purely and simply an imposture and a calumny. It is he who is guilty of breaches of faith and honor; it is he whose word is undeserving of trust; it is from him that further guarantee than his signature must be required in all treaties and negotiations.

As we have already said M. de Bismarck has argued, up to the present time, that he could not treat with the government of the National Defence, as this government has no legal powers, and his present act of diplomacy has no other end but to add to this poor argument another more miserable yet; and with what object? In order to justify war: *à outrance* through the pretext that there are no proper authorities with whom to make peace. But this cavilling can deceive no one. That which renders peace impossible is neither the pretended irregularity of the government nor the pretended unworthiness of our officials, but because the conditions offered are such as cannot be accepted, and M. de Bismarck knows well that so long as he proposes to the French government an impossible submission, that is to say humiliation, dismemberment and ruin, it is ridiculous to complain of the want of proper authorities to sanction his pretensions. In one sense he is right. Were it possible to find a government which would accept such a national abdication the treaty which would stipulate it would be torn into fragments by the nation. Let him offer France an honorable peace; let him show an honest wish for the end of hostilities, and accord us the respect due to our dignity and our lawful interests. He will then find with whom to negotiate. It will then be time to call meetings and to ask the wishes of the nation, and the nation will hasten to declare itself. But, till then, let him cease talking of negotiations and parading peaceful intentions, which are but snares and falsehoods. He wishes, no doubt, that we should ask or accept an armistice—and we, too, desire one—but the difference between him and ourselves is this: he requires impossible conditions, to accept which would be an act of dishonesty upon our part; while our conditions are such as might well be allowed.

Thus, all our hope is in our courage and our arms. What Prussia desires (we have already said so many times), is the ruin of France, the destruction of our power and our nationality, and all the excuses, all the calumnies, and all the subterfuges invented by M. de Bismarck have no other object but to deceive the world in regard to this atrocity and disgrace.

But we find also in the circular in question a threat which, if followed up, is of a nature to call upon its author the execration of the whole civilized world. It says that the "breach of faith of these French officers has raised the question in the minds of the German authorities whether it may not be necessary to subject to greater rigor those who are among them as prisoners of war."

The translation of this careful phraseology is simply a threat addressed to France to suppress the consideration which has hitherto been shown to our prisoners in Germany, and to render their lives intolerable if we still refuse to submit. This is exactly what it means. It is acknowledged that our prisoners have, up to the present time, been treated according to the laws of civilized nations; but if we prolong our resistance our fellow countrymen who have fallen into the hands of our enemies will be subjected to all the rigors of captivity. And in order to excuse this horrible idea they endeavor to degrade those whom they threaten to martyr. We cannot believe in this extreme barbarism. There is, however, reason to fear that it may be more serious than we at first supposed, for it is spoken of further in a despatch from Berlin.

We shall see whether they will dare to carry out this threat. And why should they not? Our peasants are forced at the point of the bayonet to labor upon the works for besieging our cities. This is almost as horrible as it would be to put prisoners to torture in order to intimidate their countrymen through dread of, and pity for their sufferings.

EUROPE.

"No Place Like Home" for the King Elect of Spain.

The Mount Cenis Tunnel and the Modern "De Profundis."

England Most Anxious to Pay the Alabama Claims.

FENIAN REDEMPTION AT CHRISTMAS.

The London Times in Mourning Through a Melancholy Accident.

ITALY AND SPAIN.

The King Elect Spends His Christmas in Florence.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1870.

Prince Amadeus, of Italy, King elect of Spain, was to leave Florence for Madrid at eleven o'clock this morning; but despatches sent thence as late as half-past four this afternoon make no mention of his departure.

The Mount Cenis Tunnel—The Work at Point of Completion.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1870.

The working parties in the opposite headings of the Mount Cenis tunnel are within hearing distance of each other. Greetings and hurrahs were exchanged through the dividing wall of rock for the first time at a quarter past four o'clock Christmas afternoon.

ENGLAND.

Anxious to Pay the Alabama Claims—Fenian Liberation—Sad Accident by Drowning—A Mail from the Antipodes.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1870.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is anxious that "Americans should know that England is heartily tired of the Alabama controversy, and is ready to pay any impartial money award if an adjustment can be confined thereto."

The Fenian convicts were discharged from Portland prison on Friday last.

John Walter, Jr., son of the chief editor of the London *Times*, broke through the ice while skating and was drowned.

The colonists of New Zealand are dissatisfied at the delay of the mails sent via California.

THE DISASTER TO THE ARIES.

The Steamer Aries Runs Aground Near the Delaware Capes—The First Officer and Four Men Lost While Sounding—Arrival of the Steamer at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1870.

The steamship Aries arrived at this port at four o'clock this morning, safe and sound. A HERALD reporter boarded her and received the following statement from Captain Wylie:—

We were coming up the coast on the morning of December 23, tracking the beach, same as we always do, when we got caught inside Hereford bar. This occurred at seven o'clock A. M. At ten o'clock A. M., Jephtha Sears, first mate, and four colored deck hands, Enoch Jones, Robert Currie, William Carty and Charles Hall, were sent out to make soundings. They returned in about an hour. When within a boat's length of the ship one of the men cramped his oar and the boat upset. Sears, Carty and Currie were washed away and lost. Jones and Hall kept on the bottom of the boat. Captain Wylie, second mate, chief engineer and pilot manned a second boat and went to their assistance. They were rescued, but died in one hour from excessive cold. The second boat was carried out to sea and was rescued by the pilot boat Weldon, of Cape May. Jones and Hall were taken to Cape May and buried. It was impossible to save them, although a surgeon from Cape May came in the pilot boat. Carty's and Currie's bodies were washed ashore. Sears' body was not recovered. Sears leaves a wife and child at Cape Cod. The negroes were natives of Delaware and Pennsylvania. The steamer Aries lost none of her freight; neither was she at all damaged.

The HERALD reporter asked the Captain why he run inside the lightship? The Captain laid it to vapor. The reporter suggested that the compass needle might have varied. The Captain positively declined to say whether it had, but said he was going on the same course as he always had. He intimated that the needle did vary, but as it was indicative of carelessness on his part he would not admit it point blank.

GEORGIA.

Senator Cameron Looking After the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad—The Senatorial Complication.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26, 1870.

Atlanta papers of the 22d announce the arrival of Secretary Delano and Senator Cameron. A private letter says:—Their business is with reference to the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad, which is 136 miles in length, the Legislature of Georgia at the last session having passed a bill to lease this road for twenty years.

Although not less than seven United States Senators have, from time to time, been elected by the respective Legislatures of that State, the Legislature to assemble on the first Monday in January will elect another Senator for the vacancy which will occur on the 3d of March next. Thus the United States Senate will then, as now, have seven persons from whom to select two to represent Georgia in that body for the short term.

FIRE ON SHIPBOARD.

The Steamship Roman Damaged by Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1870.

The steamship Roman, of the Boston line, which arrived this afternoon, caught fire in some bedding in the forecastle and was damaged about nine hundred dollars. She now lies alongside the steamer Aries, at Pine street wharf.

FIRE IN POUGHKEEPSIE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1870.

A fire broke out in Connor's saloon, on Main street, this evening, and before the flames were suppressed the following stores were burned:—E. R. Pease, boots and shoes; Schwartz, clothier; Lambert, cigars; Van Wyck, hats and caps; Myers, photograph; Melrose, fancy goods; Farnum, drugs; Wilson, books and stationery; Hyde, shoes. These stores were all on Main street. On Garden street the stores of the following named persons were burned:—Kimball, engraver; Hyatt, umbrellas; also another engraving establishment. The contents were nearly all saved or Farnum's drug store, Wilson's book store and Hyde's shoe store. The loss cannot be ascertained to-night.

MORE RAILROAD SPARKS.

A fire occurred last evening in the woods of the Potter Brothers, at Washington Heights, caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The fire was fortunately extinguished before any considerable damage had been done.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

FRANKFORT BOURSE.—FRANKFORT, Dec. 25.—United States five-twenty bonds closed Saturday at 94¾ for the issue of 1862.

MAILS FOR EUROPE.

The steamship Nevada will leave this port on Wednesday for Queenstown and Liverpool.

The mails for Europe will close at the Post Office at eight o'clock A. M.

THE NEW YORK HERALD—Edition for Europe—will be ready at half-past seven o'clock in the morning.

Single copies, in wrappers for mailing, six cents.

THE RICHMOND CALAMITY.

The Burning of the Spottswood House—A Survivor's Account of the Disaster—Fearful Struggles for Life—A Woman Burned to Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1870.

Mr. A. R. Leib, a special agent of the Treasury Department, was a guest at the Spottswood House, Richmond, at the time of the fire. He states that soon after two A. M. yesterday, while in bed in the third story, he heard a sound below as if some one was breaking kindling wood. He rose and looked out of the window, but saw nothing unusual. The noise continuing, however, he commenced dressing himself leisurely, as he intended to take the next railroad train. Before leaving his room he turned off the gas, and glancing toward the window saw a light from the outside, which he soon discovered proceeded from flames bursting from the story directly under him. He then heard a woman, whom he supposed to be the housekeeper, cry in wild alarm, "My God, the house is on fire!" He called to her to dress herself, and with the view of calming her excitement said to her that there was no danger on her side, but that it was on his. He then proceeded to knock at all the doors in the third story, to awaken the occupants of the rooms and urge them to dress themselves quickly, as the house was on fire.

Mr. Leib then descended to the second story, where he found Mr. Shure knocking at the doors, waking the guests, who were soon all up and alive to their danger. The utmost alarm now naturally prevailed, and in the general eagerness to escape the passage way of the private entrance was in a short time crowded, and owing to the pressure the doors could not be opened until, by extraordinary force, the crowd was pushed back and room was made for that purpose. The housekeeper, Mrs. Kinnerly, was the second person who awoke that morning, but perished by being cut off by the flames, having delayed in order to look after her trunk. The man having it in his possession preceded her and barely got beyond her when the flames impeded her progress and the stairway fell. The fire, Mr. Leib says, originated in the wine room, adjoining the dining room, in the second story. Mr. Luck, one of the proprietors of the hotel, was severely burned. He rushed through the flames for his family, who, however, at that time were safe, though this fact was unknown to him. Mr. Leib says that Messrs. George and Andrews, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. Shure, wife and child, reported missing, are all safe. Mr. Leib's wife was lost on the steamer Evening Star, off the coast of Florida, in a gale on the 22d of February.

Eight Persons Known to be Burned in the Spottswood House—Seven Others Still Missing.

RICHMOND, Dec. 26, 1870.

John H. Holman, Jr., of Jackson, Tenn., is now known to have been burned at the Spottswood Hotel, making the eighth victim. Nathan Burnstein, of Washington, turned up safe this morning. Wilcox, of Lynchburg, and Vaden, of Chesterfield, reported missing, have turned up safe. This leaves several still missing of whose safety there is little hope.

The James river is frozen over this morning.

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE IN VIRGINIA.

The Business Portion of Harrisonburg Destroyed—Loss $100,000.

HARRISONBURG, Dec. 26, 1870.

A very destructive fire occurred here this morning, between four and five o'clock, which consumed a large number of the principal business houses in the town. The fire originated in Wall's store, and consumed a whole square before the flames were subdued. The following establishments were totally destroyed, with nearly all their contents:—The First National Bank, the semi-weekly *Enterprise* office, Wall's liquor store, Kelley's workshop, Heller's liquor store, Smith's store and dwelling, Mrs. S. J. Cononan's dwelling, Maud A. Heller's dry goods store, Tupton's clothing store; Messrs. Sibert & Long's clothing store; Willman's barber shop, Switzer's clothing store. And, s's livery stable, Wortman's book store. The American Hotel, on the opposite side of Main street, was considerably damaged; all the glass in the windows was broken by the intense heat. Mr. Switzer and son were badly hurt, but not seriously. The destruction of property will amount to $100,000, half of which is not insured.

SUICIDE OF A WEALTHY JERSEYMAN.

Mr. Dunn, an old resident of Deckertown, N. J., committed suicide on Saturday evening by hanging himself. He was a wealthy and highly respected citizen of the place, and his sudden self-destruction has caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood. He leaves a wife and one adult son, and was reputed worth about $150,000. The cause of his suicide is unknown.

A.—The Most Tasty and Graceful Holiday Hat is manufactured and sold by ESPENSCHEID, 118 Nassau street, for $5.

A.—Ladies Furs.
Now is the time to get bargains,
at WARNOCK & CO'S., 519 Broadway.

A.—A.—The Best Holiday Gift,
A FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE,
505 Broadway

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STEINWAY & SONS,
Manufacturers of Grand, Square and Upright
PIANOFORTES,
invite the attention of the public to their splendid assortment of Pianofortes at moderate prices. Old Pianos taken in exchange. Every Pianoforte warranted for five years. Illustrated catalogues mailed free on application.
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One of Smith's American Organs.
By far the best made.
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A.—Herring's Patent
CHAMPION SAFES.
251 Broadway, corner Murray street.

A.—A.—Royal Havana Supplementary.—Determined by the drawings of the Royal Havana Lottery. For information, &c., address MCINTIRE, GREGORY & CO., 316 Canal street and 154 Chatham street.

A.—Rheumatism.—It has been estimated by an intelligent physician that at least 1,000,000 persons in the United States are afflicted with this most painful of all diseases. HUDNUT'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, if properly used, would cure them all. It is warranted to cure in every case. Wholesale and retail at HUDNUT'S Pharmacy, Herald Building.

A.—Club and Rink Skates Wholesale and retail. Depot at E. A. BROOKS', 575 Broadway.

A.—Perfect Fitting Boots and Shoes and warm OVERSHOES, cheap, at BROOKS', 575 Broadway.

Buy Warnock & Co.'s
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519 Broadway.

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ANNEXATION.

Agitation on the Subject in Westchester County.

How the People Feel—How the Leaders Talk—What the Towns Need and May Gain by Joining the Metropolis—Report Against the Project—Scheme for a New City.

In order to ascertain the popular feeling throughout the southern portion of Westchester county on the at present all absorbing subject of annexation to New York, a HERALD representative has within the past few days made a tour of the several towns which it has been proposed to annex, and during interviews with some of the leading property owners in those latter obtained the following information, from which may be gathered a tolerably accurate reflex of the desires, hopes and fears now commencing to animate the taxpaying population in the section named:—

Commencing with Yonkers, which ranks first in wealth, population and progressiveness, the writer called upon Eliam Flagg, a gentleman largely identified with the interests of that town, and who from an extended official connection with county affairs, is regarded as one of the chief representative men in his vicinity. On being asked what was thought of the annexation project Mr. Flagg replied, "It is a new subject, sir, and the people hardly know how to regard it until they learn what advantages the government of New York intends to give them.

WHAT YONKERS WANTS.

The citizens of Yonkers want public water works. We have an abundance of water, but it is not available for either domestic or public use. If we had a proper system of water works, such as supply New York, it would not only administer to a want now almost universally felt in our domestic life, but also, by furnishing steam power and water for manufacturing purposes, would contribute materially to the prosperity of this rapidly growing village. An adequate supply of water is our chief want, and it proves a serious obstacle to our progress. The sewers now being built in some of our streets often prove quite offensive, owing to the absence of this important element. Again, the people desire an efficient police force, similar to that in the city. I believe if we could have as reliable a body of men as those now doing duty here, under a competent and comprehensive head, the citizens would be perfectly satisfied. The people also want a compendious and uniform method of laying out, opening and working streets in the town; they are eager to see inaugurated a united and comprehensive system, managed and directed by a competent head. At present we have no system. The matter of streets and highways being under the divided control of village authorities, trustees, commissioners of highways and special commissioners appointed by the Legislature, and, as a consequence, the people look in vain for agreement of action or uniformity of design. I believe I have now stated the three principal wants of our people. Last year there was a bill introduced in the Legislature to incorporate the whole town of Yonkers into a city, but on account of objections raised by parties living outside of the village it was not pressed."

THE FEELING IN YONKERS.

REPORTER—As far as you have been able to ascertain, what is the general feeling of the people of Yonkers on the subject of annexation to New York?

Mr. FLAGG—They do not know what to think of it, not knowing the nature or designs of the proposed scheme. All the information they possess in regard to the matter is that a bill has been drawn up for presentation to the Legislature looking to the consummation of the project indicated. Many of them are opposed to the idea of allowing the control over their local affairs to pass into the hands of the New York city government, having but little faith in the integrity of those who compose it. Several of the property holders south of the village and in proximity to New York, on the contrary, say that if they are to be brought into a city at all they would prefer entrusting their interests to the city of New York rather than to the "City of Yonkers," but I think at present their desire is to be let as they are. The citizens of Yonkers are a progressive and enterprising people; they cannot—nor do they wish to—close their gates against the overcrowded inhabitants of New York;

THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF IMPROVEMENTS,

and will cheerfully pay for them; but they want the worth of their money, and this desideratum can only be attained through a municipal government, energetically, honestly and economically administered. Those who openly oppose annexation dread the thought of being, as it were, completely swallowed—interests, influence, identity and all—by the city of New York. They also seem to think that their taxes will be increased enormously. Perhaps the desire on the part of many to remain as they are may be accounted for by the circumstance that a large number of wealthy business men have settled down in quiet suburban homes, and while conscious of having all the domestic comforts that taste may suggest and affluence provide, do not like the thought of being in any way disturbed.

REPORTER—Do you not think that annexation to New York would supply those wants which you have already stated are chiefly felt by this community?

Mr. FLAGG—For my own part I believe it would; but I think a majority of the people would prefer to have them independent of New York if they could obtain them. Indeed, I do not believe that there is any considerable number of our people who would favor annexation *per se*.

REPORTER—Is not the ultimate absorption of this town by the metropolis regarded by many of the property owners as inevitable?

ULTIMATE ANNEXATION INEVITABLE.

Mr. FLAGG—Such is my belief. We can no more prevent the absorption of this territory by New York than we could arrest the current of the Niagara. In fact, it might be said that the process of absorption has already commenced, as the population in the lower part of our town has, within the past few years, increased to a greater extent than in any other portion of the metropolitan suburbs excepting Brooklyn and Jersey City. Since it is evident that the principal avenues in New York will be continued across the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek it is highly essential that the laying out of streets in the lower portion of the town should be effected in conformity therewith, and if there is not some comprehensive system adopted now the result must entail a vast amount of expense in the future. Already that section of our town comprising Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil and Mosholu, is controlled by the Central Park Commissioners, under whose direction streets are being laid out, general improvements effected and a topographical survey made of the district. In order to meet the cost of these improvements the last Legislature authorized the raising of a tax of $50,000 on property in the section controlled by the Commissioners. $10,000 of which was raised during the last year, and a tax of $20,000 is levied for the present year, leaving $20,000 yet uncalled for.

REPORTER—How do you, individually, regard the question of annexation?

Mr. FLAGG—Although not committed against the measure, if I was called upon to vote on the question this morning I would probably vote against it; but I cannot say how I would act if the project was intelligently and fairly brought before me.

It should here be stated that subsequent to the above interview the writer, during a conversation with a gentleman residing in the vicinity of Kingsbridge, was assured by him that, with scarcely an exception, the property owners in his section were heartily in favor of annexation to New York. One of the principal reasons he assigned for the desired change was that the value of real estate on the north side of the Harlem river, and contiguous to New York, would at once be doubled by the act of annexation. The somewhat utopian project of incorporating the town of Yonkers into a separate city, in order to escape the rapacious designs of the "tammany leaders," does not meet with much encouragement, especially among the influential class of citizens. How some of these latter regard the measure may be inferred from a remark lately made by a wealthy resident of Riverdale, who, in denouncing the scheme, stated among other objections that should Yonkers be incorporated into a city he would, in all probability, "awake some morning to find himself represented in the Board of Aldermen by his coachman."

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SUBJECT.

The views of Lewis G. Morris, an influential citizen of the town of West Farms, were next sought for by the writer, who, on making known the object of his visit, elicited the following information:—To the question as to what the townspeople thought of being annexed to New York, Mr. Morris said, "There is a diversity of opinion about the matter, but a strong majority are in favor of it, provided the project can be carried out in an equitable manner. I think the time has arrived when our section of the county will have to be embraced within the limits of New York; there are, as that result appears to be inevitable, the lands had better be taken possession of at once by the city authorities and laid out topographically to receive the metropolis when it extends to this place.

WOULD INTERESTS SUFFER?

As a taxpayer in the city and also here in West Farms, I do not think my interests in the former place would suffer by New York taking in a portion of this county, while at the same time I believe that my concerns here would be materially benefited thereby. There is a large section of the lower portion of this county nearer to the City Hall than is the upper part of Manhattan Island, and that is one of the reasons why this territory should be constituted a part of the city. The Harlem river, now forming the boundary line between the upper end of the island and the county of Westchester, should be, I think, subject to the control of one government.

REPORTER—What is your opinion of the scheme to incorporate the three lower towns into a distinct city?

Mr. MORRIS—I am not in favor of any new city being incorporated in this county, but would rather prefer that all of the seven towns originally mentioned should go in for annexation to New York; for, although I may perhaps consider that the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester would be sufficient to attract to the city at present, yet, if the inhabitants of the more northerly towns want to be annexed we have no right to exclude them. Among the principal advantages we should gain by becoming a part of the city are Croton water, municipal police, an effective fire organization and a more general public school system. Suppose we organized into a new city the reverse of these would be as the matter of water money the requirement of a series of years and an enormous amount of money to construct suitable water works, and even then they could not be as perfect as those now supplying the city. We can obtain water infinitely sooner and at less expense by annexing ourselves to New York than we could ever hope for in a new city. If we were living in a section remote from New York I should favor the project of incorporating a new city, for the purpose of obtaining a good supply of water, as efficient fire organization and other requirements necessitated by our extent and prosperity; but as we are in immediate proximity to New York, where all these wants are already at hand, I do not see why—if the people of New York want us—this territory who did not form a portion of the city. There is time and city made about

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in connection with the administration of the city government; but I believe that the city of New York has now got as good a government as any city in the world ever had. It is composed of able men, who leave the cry of stump master minds on all they perform.

REPORTER—In what light is the annexation project regarded by the mass of taxpayers in your town?

Mr. MORRIS—I believe two to one of them are in favor of it, especially on this (west side of the Harlem Railroad. Since I learn, however, that a number of taxpayers on the opposite side of the railroad do not want to be annexed, I think, to make an eastern boundary of the present line of the Harlem Railroad to the Yonkers line, this portion, including about half of the town of West Farms, together with the small section of Morrisania lying south of us, would in themselves form a valuable addition to the city. In the territory alluded to large expenditures have already been made for preliminary surveys and other improvements directed by the Central Park Commissioners, and the ground has been laid out conformably with the foregone conclusion that the city must absorb this section at no distant day. Looking to the better protection of life and property I think it vastly important that we should become a part of New York, that we might be enabled to have a sufficient force of police. Here we are subjected to the constant incursions of criminals from New York, who often escape the consequences of their crimes committed in our midst owing to the numerically weak condition of our present police force. Our neighbors in East Chester or in Morrisania may exercise their discretion in deciding whether or no they favor annexation; but we do not wish them to play the part of the "dog in the manger," or seek to throw obstacles in the way of our interests being identified with New York.

WHAT IS SAID IN MORRISANIA.

James L. Parshall, a prominent citizen of Morrisania, was next interviewed and having been interrogated on the subject of annexation, responded as follows:—"I think the matter altogether premature, although I have not seen the bill reported to be drawn for presentation to the Legislature. My belief, however, is, that the question of annexation to New York is only one of time. We are travelling too fast in this town. Our taxes, which are at present far greater than they should be, are becoming more and more so every year. For my part I do not see the necessity of Croton water at present, and the parties who are disposed to have a full supply of water can obtain it by building cisterns sufficiently large instead of depending upon wells, as many of them do now. Some of the people contend that we should have Croton water here in case of fire, from the fact that most of our village is composed of frame buildings, and if fire should occur it might prove disastrous in some localities; but I think that by building a few more good, central public cisterns, available in case of fire, the existing difficulty might be removed."

REPORTER—Do you think the present system of police in this town proves satisfactory to the property owners?

Mr. PARSHALL—As regards the police organization, it seems to me that the force, numerically considered, is abundant, provided it could be organized with a view to efficiency; the great trouble appears to be that men are appointed to the force who are wholly incompetent and unfit for the position. I do not think we are at present in need of municipal police protection; but perhaps we may be in the course of a couple of years, if not sooner.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CONNECTION.

REPORTER—You are said to be opposed to the annexation scheme?

Mr. PARSHALL—The only form of annexation I am in favor of is to be joined to New York by means of an underground railroad or some other mode of connection that would furnish rapid transit. When that is achieved our prosperity may be fairly said to have commenced.

REPORTER—With your knowledge of real estate, you can, doubtless, inform me what effect annexation would have upon the value of property in Morrisania?

Mr. PARSHALL—I think it could not fail to prove a decided injury, as it would prevent people from taking up their residence with us or coming out here, when, by doing so, they would not escape from the onerous system of taxation now felt by property holders in the city. The effect annexation to New York would have upon our taxes would be, I believe, to double them in less than two years. In short, the "ring" already established in this town is as much as we can possibly manage, and if we should transfer our local affairs to William M. Tweed & Co. I think it would be altogether beyond our control.

REPORTER—Can you form any idea of the prevailing sentiment entertained by the people of this town in regard to the proposed measure?

Mr. PARSHALL—Those with whom I have conversed on the subject appear to be about equally divided; it depends altogether on where and how they are located. For instance, people owning property on the East river front—say at Fort Morris—do not see but what they would be benefited by annexation. Parties owning property fronting on the Harlem river would also be benefited by the project; but some of these latter say they are indifferent as to whether they are annexed or not, and consequently will neither advocate nor oppose the scheme. For the most part, however, the people are now only awaking to a consciousness of what is proposed, and are not sufficiently familiar with the nature of the project to arrive at any definite conclusion in regard to it. That, else, may be stated to be my position to a certain extent. There are some of our property owners who assert that we could not be much worse off if we sold out to William M. Tweed & Co.; but for my part I cannot take such a deplorable view of our situation.

REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE ANNEXATION.

Among the reasons given by some of our taxpayers in Morrisania who favor immediate annexation to New York are the following:—The heavy taxes, amounting to eight per cent on the assessed valuation of the town, with a material increase on the 1st of January, and also the onerous assessments; that the area of assessment is not large enough to pay the expenses necessary in carrying out the boulevards and other gigantic schemes; that no more than four per cent can be realized at the present time on almost any kind of improved property in the town; that there has been little or no demand for property in the town for nearly two years past; that if annexed there will be an immediate reaction in real estate throughout the county; that it will give the people a stronger and more efficient government; that it will afford necessary and permanent street improvements at a lower rate of assessment; that Croton water will be introduced for domestic and public use, which is much required; that they can obtain a thoroughly disciplined police force under a competent board of commissioners; that it will give them a metropolitan fire department, with more protection from fire, and consequently a reduction in the rates of insurance, and that it will encourage capitalists to invest in property north of Harlem bridge and construct a quick line of travel to the lower part of the city. In addition to the foregoing advantages it is also predicted by the advocates of annexation that manufactories will spring up in their midst, and a large portion of the resident working classes will find employment at home without losing time and money, as now, in going daily to and from New York.

THE PROJECT DOES NOT MEET WITH FAVOR.

It cannot be said that the proposition to consolidate the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester into a separate city meets with much support in the former town, where many of the taxpayers have a wholesome dread of escaping "from the frying pan into the fire." In this connection they allude to the circumstance that during the last session of the Legislature bills were introduced to establish a civil and police court in Morrisania and other towns, at a probable expense of $30,000 per annum for each town. These bills having been condemned by the people, and the originators of the same repudiated, it is asserted that the taxpayers will not now listen to a proposition to consolidate the three towns into a city, with a mayor, comptroller, registrar, clerk, street commissioner, district attorney, corporation counsel and all the other officials necessary, at an annual cost of, say, $1,000,000, when, by being annexed to New York, all these officials are already paid from the revenues of that city, and consequently when called upon for their proportion of the expense it would be comparatively light.

In the towns of Westchester, Pelham and New Rochelle, the feeling at present existing among a majority of the property owners appears to be decidedly averse to the project of annexation, owing to the extreme sparseness of population, heavy taxation and other causes. Among the taxpayers in East Chester opinions on the subject are about equally divided.

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR A NEW CITY.

At a meeting of property owners, held in Fordham, Westchester county, on the 13th inst., a committee of five was appointed to consider the proposed annexation of seven of the lower towns of that county to New York, and prepare another bill for legislative action at the approaching session having in view the organization of a new form of government for three of the lower towns of the county. The committee accordingly prepared the following report, which was presented at an adjourned meeting, held in the above named village last Saturday.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

is as follows:—

That the committee have had under consideration the subject referred to them and have given it that attention which its public importance demanded.

In considering the subject embraced within the resolution your committee have necessarily had also to consider the question of the proposed annexation to the city of New York of the greater part of the county of Westchester—nearly two-thirds of it in population and wealth is proposed to be annexed. The bill on this subject, which has been prepared and printed, is understood to have emanated from Mr. Cornelius Corson, President of the New York Printing Association. The bill to which he has given paternity includes for annexation seven of the most populous and wealthy towns of the county of Westchester, containing a population of about 75,000 people out of 132,200, which is about the population of the whole county. The towns which he proposes to annex compose the heart and the

MOST WEALTHY PART OF THIS COUNTY.

A very natural inquiry suggested by so radical a measure of change as is proposed by the bill is, whether the people to be affected by its provisions have asked for or desire its passage; and, if they do, whether the terms and provisions of the proposed act are such as will meet our equal and exact justice to all of its citizens in the way of representation, assessment and taxation, and in connection with prospective benefits which are claimed to flow from the adoption of this measure. Certainly no democratic Legislature should be apathy of sanctioning to the numerical city of New York so large a territory, with a population of 75,000 people, against their will. It is a cardinal principle of the democratic party that no people shall be governed without their consent, constitutionally expressed and obtained, which suggests that this bill, if it should be considered at all by the Legislature, should first be submitted to the people who are to be affected by the radical changes proposed; and if a majority of them should desire its passage, then, if there are no constitutional obstacles in the way, it might be passed with propriety.

Your committee unanimously report

AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL

by the Legislature, because the area of territory proposed to be annexed is treble in extent that of the present territory of the county of New York. A diffusion, therefore, of municipal regulation and government over so large a territory would result probably in expensive and inadequate improvement, while, if annexation is to be desired at all, a concentration of improvement produced by additional political power can be effected by a municipal government might with propriety be considered in reference to that portion of Westchester county which lies immediately easterly and southerly of the northern point of the present county of New York—namely, a line drawn in an easterly direction from Spuyten Duyvil creek at Kingsbridge to the Sound, just above Fort Schuyler. An annexation of this territory, containing now a population of nearly 40,000 people, provided it were made upon fair and just terms, would be one that the people of this section, if it were submitted to them for their vote, might approve. But

THE RADICAL CHANGES PROPOSED

by Mr. Corson's bill in the creation of four wards out of the seven towns of Westchester county, and having those four wards represented in the Board of Aldermen of the city of New York by two additional Aldermen, making seventeen in all (why not the old Hasserack and All Baba numbers?), to be elected by a general ticket, and having these four wards each with representatives in the Board of Assistant Aldermen, with the most unequal population in each ward, 25,000 in the Twenty-third ward, 30,000 in the Twentieth ward, 10,500 in the Twenty-fifth ward and 11,000 in the Twenty-sixth ward, is so radically unjust and anti-democratic that no fair-minded citizen could support it.

The change of the entire school and of the judicial systems now existing in this portion of Westchester county to that of the present Police Justice and District Justice and Court of Sessions jurisdiction of the city of New York, all of which is to occur in 1872 if this bill becomes a law, and the additional change proposed of making this portion of Westchester after the next census in 1875 part of a New York city Senatorial and Congressional district, and of a New York city Supreme Court judicial district, and the other additional change of removing by a great big

RECORD COMMISSION JOB,"

proposed by the bill, all the county records of titles and judgments from the county seat at White Plains to the city of New York, thus uprooting and overturning the existing titles a more than one half of the citizens of the county to their real and personal property, would result in creating chaos where order, system and good government now exist.

It is for this and other reasons, which would occupy too much space to be embodied in this report, that your committee have unanimously reported against Mr. Corson's bill as unworthy of serious consideration by any intelligent Legislature.

The resolution, under which your committee act, provides for the preparation by them of a new form of government for the lower towns of Westchester county, and in pursuance of this portion of the resolution they have the honor to submit for your consideration their unanimous views in favor of the incorporation of the old township of Westchester, now constituting the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester, under one form of municipal government, similar to that which was given to the city of Brooklyn in the year 1834. The time has arrived when the population of this old township of Westchester, amounting to about 40,000—nearly 20,000 more than the number which Brooklyn had when she received the benefits of a city charter—should receive the

ADVANTAGES AND POWER OF A GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT.

The growth of Brooklyn, marvellous in extent and greater, perhaps, than that of any other city in the United States, if not in the world, may have been mainly attributable to the fact that her own people received from the Legislature a charter which conferred upon them the power of making all the internal improvements which were necessary for her development and progress, and which have since she became a city made her within the last ten years the third city in the Union and in her improvements one of the most beautiful.

The benefits of a city government are exemplified not only in the growth and prosperity of Brooklyn, but also in the growth and prosperity of Jersey City, which has more than quadrupled in population within the last ten years.

No good reason can be assigned why the lower part of Westchester county, with its natural facilities for great development and improvement, should not grow as rapidly within the next twenty years as Brooklyn and Jersey City have grown within the past. She is bounded on the south by the Harlem river, with a proposed canal connecting it with the North river, and which will probably be speedily constructed, the two forming

A NATURAL CANAL BASIN

for the laying up of vessels in winter superior to that of the Atlantic Dock at South Brooklyn, and the bank of the river affording greater facilities for commodious stores and warehouses.

On the east it is bounded by the East river and by Long Island Sound.

On the East river, just north of Harlem, we have Port Morris, unsurpassed for the anchorage of large vessels by any port in the world.

The Great Eastern, with her immense size and capacity, formerly laid safely at one of her docks. And just above Fort Morris and opposite Riker's Island, fronting the property of the late E. M. Whitlock, is a bay affording the best place for a navy yard in any of the States, inasmuch as here, alongside of the East river salt water frontage, might be constructed a large fresh water basin, to be supplied by water about a mile distant from the Bronx river, in the village of West Farms, large enough to float all the iron-clads of the world, and the corroding of the iron of these vessels when not in actual service, lying in salt water, requires their anchorage in such a fresh water basin.

THE CONCENTRATION OF THE HUDSON RIVER,

the Harlem and New Haven Railroads in their freighting and passenger business at their proposed new grand depot, near Melrose, and at Mott Haven, indicate that their immense freight and passenger traffic from the Pacific coast, and from the West and the East, all must, within a few years, centre near the Harlem river, within the present town of Morrisania. The land contained within this old township of West Chester, topographically considered, is more easily and better adapted to drainage than any piece of territory of like extent in the State of New York. Sewers, streets and avenues may be thereon constructed, so that for health and comfort no city could, in this respect, be better improved.

In the centre of these towns we have a valley which is indicated by Millbrook, through which a grand sewer (like the old Canal street in New York) might be constructed from the northern boundary line of West Farms to the southerly boundary line of Morrisania on the Harlem river.

The ridge of land west of this Millbrook, and bounded on the west by Harlem river and the large easterly plateau extending toward the East river and the Sound, is unsurpassed for natural beauty of scenery, for eligibility of building sites and for elegant houses, by any other in the State; while the Harlem river, the Bronx river and the East river, lying in the centre of east and west and on the sides of this territory, form the

NATURAL AND COMPLETE OUTLETS

for thorough drainage and sewerage. To illustrate that the time has come when every citizen will admit that the government now existing in West Chester, West Farms and Morrisania should be abolished—that this portion of Westchester county is in a transition state, and is in many of its features a semi-city. That a government lacking proper checks and balances and power and responsibility of officers, which is the fact as to these rural town governments, is now totally inadequate for the march of improvements, which can only be legitimately produced by a city government having proper power to make

NECESSARY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,

now so greatly desired by those who now are and who are to become citizens of the lower part of the county. The wonderful increase of population in Brooklyn and in New Jersey, contiguous to the great city of New York, prove that the time has arrived when a city government should be conferred upon this portion of Westchester county. The following enumeration of population demonstrates this:—

IN NEW YORK STATE.

Counties.	1870.	1850.	*Increase.*
New York	726,341	515,547	410,794
Richmond	33,014	15,051	17,963
Kings	490,593	138,882	251,419
Queens	73,847	36,583	37,014
Westchester	132,288	58,263	74,025
Orange	81,593	67,145	20,358
Rockland	25,103	16,902	8,201
Totals	1,692,468	838,653	853,780

IN NEW JERSEY.

Counties.	1870.	1850.	*Increase.*
Bergen	30,124	14,725	15,399
Hudson	128,279	23,822	105,403
Essex	143,839	73,950	69,009
Passaic	48,423	22,509	25,864
Totals	350,672	135,066	214,606

PLAN FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

The plan for a new city government which the committee have reported is nearly identical with that of the City of Brooklyn, differing only in its having a Board of Assistant Aldermen in addition to the Board of Aldermen. This was deemed proper because of it being more in accordance with the upper and lower House of the Senate and Assembly of the State and of the two legislative branches of the New York city government.

A brief synopsis of this plan shows that the proposed new city government would be composed of a Mayor and Common Council, with nine wards, four of which are now the existing wards of the town of Morrisania, three of which are created in the town of West Farms and two of which in the town of Westchester. These wards will each have an alderman, constituting the Board of Aldermen of nine members, and from each of these wards two assistant aldermen are to be elected, making eighteen, constituting the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen are to serve, as was formerly the case in the better days of New York city government, with the Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, without pay.

A SMALL SALARY

for the first few years of the existence of the new city government would be paid to the Mayor and a fair salary to the different heads of the departments created by this bill—the different departments consolidated by the change, consisting of the Finance Department, with its head, the Comptroller, and the Department of Public Works, included within which would be jurisdiction over the streets, the water, gas and other local improvements, as now exercised by the Commissioner of Public Works, in the city of New York. The Law Department would consist of a Corporation Counsel and Corporation Attorney, to whom during the earlier existence of this government small salaries would be paid. There will be a grand Tax Department, containing two bureaus—one to look after the assessments of property upon fair and equal terms and to be known as the Board of Assessors, and the other bureau to consist of a tax receiver and necessary deputies.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

would consist of a city judge, to be elected, and who should have, for the territory embraced within the new city limits, the same jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases that the county judge now has. In addition, one justice of the peace is provided, to be elected, for each of the wards within the proposed city, whose jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases should be the same as is now conferred upon the justices of the peace in the towns comprising the proposed new city. In other respects the County Court and the Supreme Court and their jurisdiction are to remain the same as at present. The police, with a Board of Police Commissioners and a Superintendent, would be in such numbers and in compensation as the Common Council in their wisdom would see fit to designate and appoint.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM,

with the different Boards of Education, school houses, apparatus and property, would remain and continue as now existing and constituted, subject only to such changes as increase of salaries and better accommodations as might be provided by the new government.

The existing debts of each town are to be assumed and paid by the property and the taxation thereon in the new city; but each of the towns of that city is to be assessed and to pay therefor in taxation in proportion to the indebtedness of each town at the time of the charter taking effect. In connection with the indebtedness it would be well to state that the present debt of the town of Morrisania amounts to over $400,000, West Farms to over $700,000, of Westchester over $400,000, making a total, say, of about $1,500,000.

Your committee believe that the work which has been done in the way of public improvement, and for which this indebtedness was created, did not exceed sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of its actual value. This was caused by the

INCONGRUOUS SYSTEM

of a number of special commissions appointed by different acts of the Legislature and known as boulevard commissions, who have power conferred upon them of issuing bonds, and which bonds, owing to the lack of confidence of capitalists and banking institutions, have been negotiated and sold at sums varying from seventy-five per cent up to, in a few cases, of their par value.

The contractors doing the work and receiving these bonds in payment for the work instead of money, always in their estimates discounted the bonds at enormous rates.

Under the proposed new system one of the main benefits which the community affected by it would receive would be in the credit of the bonds of the new government, being as in the case of Brooklyn and Jersey City bonds, par at par in the market among capitalists, and a saving of at least thirty-three and one-third per cent would be effected in the value of the work which would actually be thereafter done in the way of public improvements within the proposed new city territory.

The rights of property owners by the proposed change of government will be protected from special State legislation, from

SCHEMING AND SPECULATIVE BOULEVARDS

made at general expense, and where those immediately benefited should bear their just proportion of the expense of construction, and should pay for the improvement where they are largely benefited thereby. In no case would any improvement of a street or avenue be made unless two-thirds of the property owners fronting upon such street or avenue petitioned and desired the same.

A general system of drainage and lamp districts and of sidewalks and other legitimate improvements would be made upon similar requisitions of the property owners. By this plan would also be preserved intact the present boundaries of the county, the Senatorial, Congressional and Judicial districts and the existing system of recording titles and judgments will be recognized. The only

STRONG RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLAN

proposed for annexation to the city of New York is that by it privileges of the Croton water would be derived by the people living in the lower part of Westchester county.

Considering that the city of New York now has no more reservoirs than are necessary for the sufficient supply of that city with water, under the plan of annexation new reservoirs would have to be constructed in the lower part of Westchester county, the cost of which would have to be borne by its people.

Your committee can see no good reason why they may not, through their representatives and agents in the proposed new city governments, construct works for the use of the waters of the Bronx river and other fresh water streams flowing into the lower part of Westchester county, for the erection of necessary reservoirs and works, and to give the citizens the same facilities and comforts of water which are now had in the city from the Croton Department, and this done, too, under the immediate supervision and direction of our people's representatives, and at a much less cost than would result from annexation.

THE AREA OF LAND

contained in the seven towns proposed to be annexed by the Corson bill is 36,517 acres, more than treble the area of land contained in the county of New York. One of the objections which have been made to the plan of a new city government is that the expenses will be large and burdensome. This is erroneous. The present Town Halls and other public buildings would answer the purpose for years to come of true-acting the executive, legislative and judicial business therein, and no new public buildings would be built until the increased population and wealth of the new city warranted and demanded their erection. Your committee, taking into consideration the

EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT

of the present towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester for the past three years and for the present one, do not hesitate to say that the entire expenses of a new city government under the plan proposed would be much less than is now paid in by these incongruous governments, where proper responsibility and checks and balances do not exist, but which would be insured by the adoption of the new plan.

The well recognized fact that the city of New York is now governed by a "Tammany ring," consisting of not more than five prominent members, should induce the people of Westchester, from motives of personal respect, from their intelligence and integrity and in protection of their interests, to long hesitate before consenting to confer additional power of assessment and taxation, already too much concentrated in and upon this "ring."

THE RIGHT OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

is one which under our system has hitherto commanded the respect of all communities, and they have been especially jealous of having this right destroyed, either by the centralization of the government in the Legislature at Albany, or in the legislation of the federal government at Washington.

An appeal to the intelligence and sense of right of the people of the lower part of Westchester county, whose history has hitherto been patriotic and honorable, should induce them to unanimously oppose the Corson scheme of annexation. When William the Conqueror invaded and conquered Britain the Normans called it conquest; the Britains robbery. When King William of Prussia obtains, if he does, Alsace and Lorraine, it will also be claimed under the right of conquest. But this is in a case where a war was unnecessarily commenced and waged against him and his people, and where he may be justified by way of "indemnity for the past and security for the future" in taking and exercising governmental control over those territories. When

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR,

of New York city, and his friends seek to take the lower part of Westchester county for an extension of their domain of spoliation and taxation without the consent of the people of Westchester county they may think, as the ancient Britons, that this too is robbery. A territory may be annexed by treaty, as was the case in the annexation of Texas; but there, as in the case of marriage, which is a civil contract, there must be the consent of the bride, as well as the groom, to consummate it.

If the New York politicians who are looking with rapacious eyes upon the lower part of Westchester county have the true welfare of the city of New York, as well as of the people of the lower part of Westchester county, in view, they will never attempt to make their conquest by legislative enactment without first submitting the question to the people to be affected by it for their approval or rejection.

The true mode of increasing the growth, wealth and prosperity of the lower part of Westchester county, beside having a better local government of their own, is to afford to it

GREATER FACILITIES OF TRAVEL;

to have the various railroads running through it on that of the example set by the railroads of New Jersey, which have been the means of increasing the population of Hudson and other counties in that State at a greater ratio within the last twenty years than any of the suburban parts of the city of New York. The frequent trains, fifty-four per day, with the cheap rate of commutation to Elizabeth (fourteen miles from the city of New York), have quadrupled that place in population within the last ten years. The want of hourly and half-hourly trains between Williamsbridge, intermediate stations and New York, with rates of commutation largely exceeding those of New Jersey, has kept all the lower part of Westchester county from

RECEIVING AN ACCESSION TO ITS POPULATION

even greater than Elizabeth and growing places in New Jersey have received during that time. With three trunk lines of railroads, the most extensive in their operations in the country, the Hudson River, the Harlem and the New Haven running through Westchester failing to give to it that accommodation which naturally it should have received, induces your committee to urge upon the representatives in the Senate and Assembly from this county the necessity of compelling those railroads, by suitable legislation at the next session, to afford to the residents of Westchester equal facilities of quick and cheap transit now given by the New Jersey railroads to those doing business in New York city and who are now living in that State.

In conclusion your committee suggests the appointment, by the meeting of a committee of three, one from each of the towns of Morrisania, West Farms and Westchester, to watch the proceedings of the next Legislature in relation to any and all proposed bills for the annexation or spoliation affecting the lower part of this county, and to attend and take all necessary measures for the growth and prosperity of the old township of Westchester. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. HASKIN,
SAMUEL N. PURDY,
JOHN HUNTER,
JOHN FLANIGAN.

FORDHAM, Dec. 24, 1870.

The unavoidable absence of G. Elliot Scribner, member of Assembly from this district, prevented that gentleman from signing the report as one of the committee.

THE WARDS OF THE NEW CITY

and their respective boundaries are as follows:—The first four wards shall consist as at present the four wards in the town of Morrisania exist and are bounded and described therein.

The three wards in the town of West Farms shall consist of the land and territory and be bounded and described as follows, and be known as the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh wards:—

The Fifth ward to consist of all the land and territory lying between the northerly boundary line of the town of Morrisania and the centre line of Locust avenue and Morris street, in the town of West Farms, running from the easterly boundary line of the Harlem Railroad to the end of Locust avenue, in the village of West Farms, and in a straight line from the end of the terminus of said avenue, in the said village, to the Bronx river (the boundary line between West Farms and Westchester), all land to contain all the land and territory south and southeast of said last mentioned line and the boundary line between the towns of Morrisania and West Farms, and also easterly of the easterly boundary line of said Harlem Railroad and the extreme eastern boundary line of said town of West Farms.

The Sixth ward to contain all the territory of the town of West Farms, northerly of the northerly boundary line of Ward One aforesaid, and all the land easterly from the easterly boundary line of the Harlem Railroad up to Williamsbridge, and from thence to the easterly boundary line between the towns of West Farms and Westchester.

The Seventh ward to contain all the land and territory of the present town of West Farms west of the eastern boundary line of the Harlem Railroad, from the southerly line between West Farms and Morrisania and the boundary line between West Farms and Yonkers.

The Eighth ward to contain all the land and territory in the present town of West Chester lying easterly and southerly of the highway leading from the iron bridge on the Bronx river, and running thence along said highway, passing the Methodist church in West Chester, and thence until it comes to the highway leading from West Chester to East Chester, thence along the East Chester road until it comes to Pelham avenue, thence running easterly along Pelham avenue to the old road leading to Pelham bridge, and thence along said old road to East Chester creek or bay.

The Ninth ward to contain all the land and territory in the present town of West Chester lying westerly and northerly of the Eighth ward and the boundary line between West Farms, Yonkers and East Chester.

THE HERALD WAR RIPS.

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer, Dec. 23.]

The map of Paris and vicinity, which we publish this morning, is the most intelligible that we have seen, and will be found of great value by the readers of the history of the wonderful siege of the great city. This map was prepared originally for the NEW YORK HERALD, and we reproduce it because it is much the best that we have seen.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The City Surveyor of Montreal has issued a notice in accordance with the bylaws that all wheeled vehicles are prohibited within the city limits.

The Nevada City Lottery that was to have been drawn on the 22d of February has given up the ghost.

There are only four distilleries in operation in Covington (Ky.) district. This time last year there were forty.

One of the radical members of the Florida Legislature was elected while in jail, awaiting trial for murder.

A sale of ready made coffins at auction took place at Lincoln, Neb., recently. A black walnut article, with silver trimmings, brought twenty-five dollars; the purchaser being a man whose wife was very sick.

It is claimed by friends of the old management of the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad, that the road will be back in the hands of the Ohio capitalists within two months.

It is said that Mr. Jefferson Davis has accepted an invitation to deliver a lecture in Cincinnati this winter.

A divorce suit in Trumbull county, Ohio, elicits as the origin of the domestic difficulty, a difference of opinion on the subject of baptism—one maintaining the necessity of immersion to salvation, the other, the sufficiency of sprinkling.

The Springfield *Republican* says that 20,000 breech-loaders of the model of 1866 have been brought to the Armory for repairs, a job that will keep the present force of workmen busy for three months or over.

A Peekskill (N. Y.) paper speaks of a recent corpse "who was struck down by the hand of Providence, and not permitted to finish the French roof he had begun on his house."

THE LAPINE FAMILY MURDER.

[From the St. Louis Democrat, December 23.]

Our readers will doubtless remember the horrible murder of David Lapine, his wife and child, his sister-in-law and her child, near the town of Potosi, on the night of Saturday, November 12.

Full particulars of the shocking affair, together with the arrest of the boy Leon Jolly, who turned State's evidence and informed the officers that the murder was committed by Charles Jolly, his brother, and John Armstrong, his cousin, have already been published.

The enraged citizens, after the arrest of the murderers, attacked the jail, and with an armed mob endeavored to capture and lynch them. In the assault one man was killed and three wounded. The mob was, for the time, driven away; but as it appeared certain that the attack would be renewed, the prisoners were smuggled out of town and brought to this city for safe keeping.

Last week they were taken back to Potosi under the escort of a strong guard of militia for trial. Yesterday afternoon the trial closed, and the jury, after an absence of three minutes, returned with a verdict of guilty in the first degree, and the murderers were sentenced to be hung on the 27th of January next.

As it was deemed unsafe to leave them at Potosi until the day of execution they were again brought here for safe keeping by Captain Lehman and his men. The party arrived here at one o'clock this morning, and the jail being closed the murderers were placed in

JUDAISM.

Its Origin, History and Fundamental Doctrines.

The Fasts, Festivals and Worship of the Jews.

Progressive Judaism and the Changes It Contemplates.

PRINCIPAL SYNAGOGUES OF NEW YORK.

Among the many and strangely various forms of religious belief that flourish in the city of New York there is not one more interesting, as there is certainly not one more ancient, than that held by the children of Abraham. This faith, indeed, is the parent stock from which all our other denominations, with one or two noteworthy but not very important exceptions, have sprung. In this article it is proposed to give a brief sketch of the leading features of the creed and ritual of modern Judaism, together with a few items as to its present material aspects.

THE ORIGIN

and early history of Judaism are known to every schoolboy. Just as the world was emerging from its infancy, and while the greater portion of its surface was as yet an unpeopled solitude, one among the many nomad chiefs who wandered with their families and servants and flocks across the treeless wastes of the plain of Shinar was selected by the Almighty to be the founder of a race that should preserve through many ages the knowledge and worship of the true and living God. This was Abraham, and the revelation of the deeper realities of the spiritual universe, of which he was the chosen recipient, forms the base of the Jewish as it does also of the Christian religion. This revelation, however, was but an instalment of the fulness of the entire truth; and such as it was, for several generations was preserved only in the shape of oral tradition, and was accompanied by but very few and very simple religious observances. Indeed, circumcision is the single rite belonging to that era of which we have any clear record, and it is pretty certain that the greatest of the patriarchs did not observe any special day of rest, the institution of which, though it dated back to the creation itself, was, doubtless for wise reasons, concealed from man.

THE WRITTEN LAW.

When the Hebrews had grown into being a numerous people, and when, freed at last from the yoke of Egyptian slavery and delivered out of the house of bondage, they were being led back to the land promised to their great progenitor, Divine Wisdom gave them, through the medium of their leader, Moses, a deeper insight into the mysterious and awe-inspiring verities of the spiritual world; and a rule of life, the observance of which would insure an eternal reward, was promulgated amid the thunders of Sinai. Thus sprung into existence a creed which has flourished already four thousand years, and around which, during all that long period, have clustered the hopes and aspirations of one of the most intellectual of races.

The fundamental principle of the Jewish faith, as established by Moses, was the recognition of one Supreme Being. Monotheism is, beyond all doubt, the corner stone, the mainspring, the inner and all-pervading essence of Judaism. The one truth taught by Moses was that which had already been given to Abraham, that there was but one God, a living and a jealous God; and Hebrew theologians, into whatever seemingly barren paths they may apparently sometimes wander, ever revert to this as the cardinal doctrine of their faith. And in the present day the modern Israelite is taught beyond all other things to cherish this grand fact; he is invited to ponder upon it in the silence of his closet, and in the services of the synagogues it is pressed with never-tiring vehemence upon his attention. Looking at the following list of attributes, it will be noticed how persistent and earnest are the endeavors of the Jewish theologians to grasp, so far as human finite intellects can attain to such knowledge, the nature of the Deity. "Concerning God," says one of them, "we are taught to believe that He is spirit; most holy and pure; incorporeal and indivisible; eternal and immutable; the one and only one to whom none can be compared; to whom no likeness can be ascribed; omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; all good, but all just; supremely intelligent, merciful and beneficent; the great I Am; the beginning and the end; the first and the last; the reason, the life and the motion of all beings; the producer of everything; the eternal king, lord, ruler and preserver of the world; the only Creator, and the sole Saviour of the world."

This and the other cardinal doctrines of the Jewish creed are embodied, by Maimonides, in the following

THIRTEEN ARTICLES,

which are now taught in every Jewish school: —

I. I believe with a perfect faith that God, blessed be His name, is the Creator and Governor of all created objects, and that He alone has made, does make, and will ever make all things.

II. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is one and only God. There exists no unity whatever like unto His. He alone is our God, who was, who is and who ever will be.

III. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is incorporeal. He is not subject to any of the changes that happen to bodily substances, and there is nothing whatever that can be compared to Him.

IV. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is the first and last of all things.

V. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator alone, blessed be His name, ought to be worshipped, and that it is not proper to bow to any other being.

VI. I believe with a perfect faith that all the words of the prophets are true.

VII. I believe with a perfect faith that the prophecy of Moses, our teacher (may his soul rest in peace), is true; and that he excelled all the wise men who were before him, and all who came after him.

VIII. I believe with a perfect faith that the whole of the law now in our possession is the same law that was given to Moses, our teacher (may his soul rest in peace).

IX. I believe with a perfect faith that the law will never be changed, neither will there be any other law given by the Creator (blessed be His name).

X. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator (blessed be His name) knows all the actions and thoughts of mankind. It is said—"He fashioneth alike their hearts, He is fully acquainted with all their works."

XI. I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator (blessed be His name) rewards all those who keep his commandments, and punishes those who transgress them.

XII. I believe with a perfect faith that the Messiah will come; and although His coming be delayed, I will still daily hope and expect His speedy appearance.

XIII. I believe with a perfect faith that there will be a resurrection of the dead, at the time when it shall please the Creator, blessed be His name for ever and ever. Amen.

Maimonides adds:—"Whoever shall believe all these fundamental articles to be true enters into the bosom of Israel, and is entitled to receive from us all those demonstrations of brotherly love and good will which God has enjoined us to show toward each other; and is bound to love his neighbor and brother with all his heart, according to all that God hath commanded; and however many or great sins he may have committed from mental infirmity, after he shall have been punished for them in this world he shall participate in the happiness of the world to come. But if any man shall deny one of these fundamental doctrines, he is fallen from the bosom of Israel, has denied a foundation of the faith, and is to be esteemed a heretic, an epicurean and a destroyer of plants; wherefore we are bound to persecute him with every odium and injury, according to the psalmist, 'shall not I hate him, Lord, that hateth Thee?'"

THE CEREMONIAL LAW.

The existence of an only God, the more obvious principles of general morality, the institution of the Sabbath, and that last and divinest commandment, "Thou shalt not covet," were thrown together by Moses, in the Decalogue, which is accepted by Christians and Israelites alike as containing what should be the guiding principles of the ideal life. In addition to this moral law, Moses promulgated by Divine command a number of ceremonial statutes and precepts, comprising, so we are told by the Rabbies, 365 positive and 248 negative obligations. Many of these last are now, owing to the dispersion of the Jewish people, obsolete, but the essential part of them are still observed. They comprise, in addition to numerous provisions for the conduct of religious ceremonies, many sanitary rules for the preservation of health and cleanliness, obligations to provide for the relief of the poor and the stranger, and laws requiring an exact regard for moral equity between the children of the chosen race.

This is the groundwork of the Jewish faith, but before an account of its ceremonial features is entered upon it is well to glance at the huge overgrowth of traditional articles of belief and traditional rules of life that have risen up upon it.

THE JUDAISM OF THE SECOND TEMPLE.

While the Jewish monarchy remained intact their faith preserved the form given to it by its founder, Moses. But upon the return of the Jews from the Babylonish captivity, the building of the second temple, and the restoration at Jerusalem under Ezra, Haggai, Nehemiah and others of the Jewish faith, it passed into a stage of constant development, which continued until the destruction of the Holy City by the Romans. Under the later prophets just named the Scriptures were collected, authenticated and arranged into a canon, and the Mosaic code was again systematically established. But, in addition to this, certain new obligations, founded only on the authority of contemporary scholars and wise men, were tacked on to the original system, and from time to time, in the immediate future, further additions of this character were made. Up to the date of the second temple the priests were the great ecclesiastical authorities of the Jewish Church. But now a new class of men, a sort of inner hierarchy—doctors or rabbis—came into prominence, whose business it was to define the meaning and relative importance of the Oral Law, as the ceremonial excrescences upon the old faith were termed.

It would be out of place to trace forward the further history of Judaism, and to show how gradually three great parties divided its ranks—the Pharisees, who carried their respect for ceremony to the utmost degree of extravagance; the Sadducees, who accepted only the mere letter of the original Mosaic code; and the Essenes, who made conspicuous the purely spiritual doctrines of the creed, and who built upon it a somewhat visionary rule of life.

At present the Jews divide their

SACRED BOOKS,

which correspond to the Old Testament of the Christians, into three portions—the Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Hagiographia. There are also some paraphrases of the Scriptures from the original Hebrew into the Chaldean tongue, which during the Babylonian captivity became the vernacular tongue of the Israelites. These are treated with the greatest respect, though many of them are rather renderings of the sense and spirit than of the letter of the original Scriptures. And besides these writings there is a book which some Christian writers have stated, though not truthfully, to be regarded by the rabbis with more veneration than even the Scriptures themselves—the Talmud.

THE ORAL LAW.

This last book has been so sharply and so ignorantly criticised in many quarters that some explanation of what it really is will not be without interest. The Jews acknowledge two laws which are authoritative—one, the written law, delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai, and the other an unwritten explanation of it which has been handed down from generation to generation. This last ought, in strict right, never to have been enshrined in written form; but after the return from the captivity the Rabbi Jehuda, fearing that owing to the growing influence of heresy these traditions would be lost, collected, arranged and wrote them down. This book was entitled the "Mishna," and forms the first section of the Talmud. About a century later Rabbi Jochanan, in view of the doubt that overshadowed many parts of the "Mishna," collected the authoritative explanations of its disputed passages, and compiled them into the "Gemara, or Commentary." The "Mishna" and the "Gemara" together form what is called the Jerusalem Talmud. There is yet another "Gemara," which is distinguished as the Babylonian; but this is not generally considered as entitled to the same degree of respect as the first one. The reason given by a learned rabbi for the existence of this Talmud is somewhat interesting. "If," says he, "the oral law had not been added to the written law, the whole law would have been obscure and unintelligible. For, in the first place, there are Scriptures repugnant and contrary to each other; and in the next place, the written law is imperfect, and comprehends not all that is necessary to be known." In another place the same writer assigns the reason why God would not have this second unwritten law also reduced to writing. This is "because God foresaw that the nations of this world would copy out the twenty-four books which are contained in the law, the Prophets and the Hagiographia, and would abuse them to heresy and impiety; he delivered to Moses an oral exposition; nor would he allow it to be committed to writing till the sects of the Edomites and Ishmaelites had arisen, lest this also should be translated by the Gentiles, and perverted to the same evil purpose as the written law. In the world to come God will inquire who are his children. Then the Gentiles, as well as the Israelites, shall produce the books of the law, and they shall both affirm themselves to be his children. Therefore God will inquire again with whom is the real inspiration, which he also delivered on Mount Sinai. At this all shall be dumb, and not one, except Israel, will be found to have any knowledge of it."

A short sketch will now be given of the principal fasts, festivals and ceremonies of the Jews. Among the festivals the principal are the Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles, the feasts of the New Moon and the New Year, the Feast of Dedication and the Feast of Purim.

THE PASSOVER.

The story of the institution of this feast is familiar to all. It commemorates the last and greatest of the judgments that punished the Egyptians for the tenacity with which they refused to let the chosen children of the living God go forth from the house of bondage—that dreadful passing of the destroying angel over all the land of Egypt, smiting the first born male child in every house. This festival is held on the fifteenth day of the month Nissan, and lasts, for all Jews except those who live in or near Jerusalem, eight days. The Sabbath preceding it is known as the "great Sabbath," and is usually marked in the synagogues by a special lecture by the rabbi on the regulations which the law provides for the proper observance of the coming festival. During the whole period of the feast the people are required to eat unleavened bread, and they are forbidden even to allow the presence of leaven in their houses. Two days before the beginning of the feast, in the evening, the head of each house collects all the leaven he can find in his dwelling and having placed it in a vessel burns it the following day before noon. As soon as the leaven is burned, as much unleavened bread as will be required through the festival is made. This bread consists of large, round, ring cakes of simple flour and water. During the festival no fermented drink may be used. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month there is a special service in the synagogue, after which there is in each house a feast of meat and bitter herbs (such as lettuce, parsley, celery and horseradish) and wine. As soon as the household are gathered round the latter the master of the house says grace, and then, leaning on his left arm, drinks a glass of wine, the whole company following his example. Each person then dips some herbs in vinegar and eats them. Another benediction is pronounced and the host, unfolding his napkin, takes the middle cake (there are only three cakes), breaks it in two, replaces one of the pieces between the two whole cakes, and conceals the other piece under his plate or under the cushion upon which he leans. The meal is then taken from the table and the plate containing the cakes being lifted up by the hands of the whole company they unite in rehearsing the following:—"This is the bread of poverty and affliction which our fathers did eat in Egypt. Whoso hungers, let him come and eat; whoso needs, let him come and eat of the paschal lamb. This year we are here; next year, God willing, we shall be in the land of Canaan. This year we are servants; the next, God willing, we shall be free—children of the family and lords." The feast then proceeds, after the recital of psalms and hymns and the recapitulation of the circumstances which led to the institution of the feast. One of the features of the festival is that each person present must drink four glasses of wine, the last glass being accompanied with passages from the Scripture, calling down the Divine vengeance on all the enemies of Israel.

The same ceremony is repeated the following day. The principal days of the festival are the first two and the last two, and these are celebrated by services in the synagogue and a Sabbatical abstinence from labor. The intermediate days are not observed quite so strictly, but no one is permitted to carry on any servile labor.

PENTECOST.

This festival is kept on the sixth day of the month Sivan, and is called by Moses the Feast of Weeks, because it was fixed at the end of the seven weeks from the offering of the omer, or sheaf. It is also sometimes spoken of as the Feast of First Fruits. It lasts two days and is observed by special services in the synagogues and an abstinence from work. In the services the book of Ruth is always read and the six hundred and thirteen formal precepts of the law are publicly recited, because it was at this season of the year, according to tradition, that the law was delivered on Mount Sinai. A prayer for the dead is a feature of the service on the morning of the second day.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

This festival commemorates the wanderings of the chosen seed in the wilderness and lasts nine days. According to the old practice every Jew who had a garden was required to construct in it a tabernacle of wood, in which he was to dwell through the feast. This is now pretty well obsolete, and the observance of the festival is confined to services in the synagogue and abstinence from labor. During certain portions of the services each Israelite holds in his hands branches or twigs of various trees and marches in procession round the altar. The principal days are the last two, the last especially, being even accounted a festival by itself, and named "the day of the rejoicing of the law." On this day three manuscripts of the Pentateuch are taken out of the ark and carried round the altar and laid upon the desk. After that three persons read three different portions, one portion from each manuscript.

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS,

or of the new year, is held on the first two days of the month Tisri, and is celebrated by religious services and a discontinuance of all labor except such as may be necessary for the preservation of food. The first day is held to be that upon which God created the world, and it is also believed that it is the day upon which the Almighty judges his creatures. The religious services naturally refer to these solemn subjects. The festival is called the feast of the trumpets because in the services a ram's horn is frequently blown in memory of the ram substituted for Isaac on Mount Moriah. Between the morning and afternoon services on the second day it was usual for all strict Israelites to go to some river or to the seaside and shake their garments over the water, which is supposed by many to symbolize the casting away of their sins; but this is now obsolete.

THE FEAST OF THE NEW MOON

is, of course, held every month, but only the women are required to abandon servile work. The remaining feasts are the feast of Dedication and the feast of Purim, of the festival prevents its being of very great importance.

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

lasts eight days and commemorates the purification of the Temple and the dedication of the new altar of burnt offering, after the deliverance of Jerusalem from Antiochus Epiphanes. It does not involve the suspension of labor, and the religious services attending it are not very important. It is sometimes called the feast of lights, in consequence of a tradition which is rather interesting. After the cleansing of the Temple we are told the priests lit the lamp which was to burn continually before the Lord, but could only find oil enough to feed it for one night, while it would take eight days to prepare a fresh supply. A miracle, however, was worked to enable them to keep up the divine flame. This small portion of oil by the aid of the Almighty lasted all through the eight days. To commemorate this, on the first day of the festival, one light is lighted in the synagogue, on the second day two, on the third three and so on, adding a light each day until the close of the feast.

THE FEAST OF PURIM

is also a festival of comparatively recent institution, and commemorates the delivery of the Jews from the wicked designs of Haman. The book of Esther is read in the synagogues, and whenever the name of Haman occurs, the whole congregation clap their hands, stamp their feet and call out "Let his name and memory be blotted out. The name of the wicked shall rot." The festival is kept up with the greatest possible appearance of rejoicing, as we, who live in New York, have ample reason to know, the Purim ball being one of the great social events of each season.

With the exception of the Day of Atonement,

THE FASTS

do not require any very extended notice. The principal are the fast of Gedaliah, in memory of the murder of Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam; the fast of the Tenth Month in memory of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar; the fast of Esther, in memory of her fast of three days and nights before she attempted to stir the heart of the great king in favor of her people, and the fast of Ab, which celebrates the burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. These fasts are kept with more or less strictness, by abstinence from food and labor from sunset till sunset and by various religious observances.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

is by far the most solemn day of the whole Jewish year. It is held on the tenth day of the month Tisri. The first ten days of this month are called days of penitence, and are marked by the addition of prayers and confessions to the usual daily supplications. On the Sabbath preceding the last it is usual for the rabbi to earnestly exhort the people to repentance. It is the accepted belief that during these ten days God examines every human life, beginning on the first day of the festival of the new year (the first day of Tisri) and continuing through the next eight days until, on the tenth, the Day of Atonement, He passes sentence. In one of the prayers a passage explains this belief as follows: "On the first day of the year it is inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement it is sealed and determined how many shall pass by and how many shall be born; who shall live and who shall die; who shall finish his allotted time and who shall not; who is to perish by fire, by water, by the sword, by wild beasts, by hunger, by thirst, by an earthquake or by the plague, by strangling or by being stoned to death; it is determined who shall be at rest and who shall be wandering; who shall remain tranquil and who shall be disturbed; who shall reap enjoyment and who shall be painfully afflicted; who shall grow rich and who shall become poor; who shall be cast down and who exalted. But prayer, penitence and charity can avert the evil decree." Before this solemn fast, fraught, according to the Jewish belief with such awe-inspiring results, begins, each Israelite endeavors to settle any disputes in which he may have become involved and to put himself at peace with all the world. In the afternoon preceding the feast he makes a hearty meal, and then until sunset the following evening he fasts absolutely, "taking no manner of sustenance, not even a drop of water."

The religious services begin at sunset, the synagogue being splendidly illuminated with wax candles, which burn night and day till the close of the fast. Many of the more religious remain in the synagogue all night and throughout the day until sunset, but those who retire to their homes assemble again at six o'clock in the morning, remaining all the remainder of the day. The services comprise elaborate confessions of sin and entreaties for mercy and forgiveness. When, at last, sunset arrives, the cornet announces the close of the fast.

THE ORDINARY SERVICES

of the Jews have been left till now, because their institution is of a later date than the solemn rites whose leading features have been described. Synagogue worship is indeed comparatively a modern institution; it was unknown in the primitive days of the Jewish Church, and springs up after the Second Temple. Precisely to that time had been a general and strict observance of the Sabbath and frequent religious gatherings for common supplication, but regular services were unknown.

SYNAGOGUES

vary, of course, very much in their architectural beauty and the richness of their appointments; but there are some features in which they all agree. According to the strict law, the synagogue should be so built that one end fronts the Holy Land, but this is now not very strictly observed, though the Jews turn their faces that-herward when engaged in prayer. The main feature in every synagogue is the ark, a small closet hung with curtains, and symbolically representing the ark of the covenant. In this the roll of the law, used in reading the public lessons in the synagogue, is deposited. This roll must be in manuscript, written with ink of a peculiar character, and, according to numerous directions, a failure in any of which destroys the value of the sacred volume. The roll consists of long strips of parchment, sewed together with thongs cut out of the skin of some clean animal, and it is rolled up from both ends on two wooden staves. It is usually encased in linen or silk. After the ark a raised platform, generally near the middle of the room, arrests attention. This is the desk or altar from which the law is read and sermons delivered and is usually large enough to allow of several persons to be present on it at the same time. The floor of the synagogue is filled up with long benches, more or less luxuriously furnished, and a number of lamps and chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling. Close by the door there are usually little boxes to receive the contributions of the charitable towards the relief of the poor. In the old orthodox synagogues the women are separated from the men, and are accommodated generally in a gallery, or, if they are on the same floor with the men, a screen shuts them off from observation. The new synagogues, however, disregard this rule, and the sexes are mixed. All Jews keep their hats on in the synagogue.

The general character of

DIVINE SERVICE

among the Jews is extremely simple. It consists on ordinary occasions merely of the reading of the law, the recital of prayers, the chanting of psalms and the delivery of sermons. Many changes have recently taken place in many congregations in the liturgy used. Formerly Hebrew was the only tongue used, but now the vernacular is employed in many of the more liberal and progressive synagogues. Women, too, are now frequently allowed to chant in the choir—an innovation of very modern growth. In the olden time, too, much longer portions of the sacred scriptures were read at each service than now. There are daily services in all the synagogues.

And now we naturally come to one of the best known features of the Jewish faith—a feature which has been more or less perfectly copied by the various Christian sects—

THE SABBATH.

The Jewish Sabbath is reckoned, after the Asiatic manner, from sunset to sunset, and lasts therefore from one Friday evening till Saturday at the setting of the sun. The injunction of the Decalogue "to do no manner of work," &c., is observed with painful exactitude. The rabbies have defined the works forbidden on the sabbath under thirty-nine general heads, and it will be seen from the list that they cover pretty thoroughly every known branch of industry. These are the things that are forbidden—ploughing, sowing, reaping, binding, binding, threshing, winnowing, sifting, grinding, baking, kneading, cooking, clipping, washing, combing, spanning, winding, warping or weaving, dyeing, tying, untying, sewing, breaking in pieces, fastening with wedges or pins, building, demolishing, striking with a hammer, hunting, fishing, killing, flaying, taking the hair off from hides, cutting in pieces, writing, blotting out, ruling paper, kindling fire, quenching it, carrying anything out of doors into a street or public place."

On the

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS

of the Israelites, such as circumcision and the various ceremonies for celebrating marriages and conducting funerals, nothing need be said, as to give minutely the details of each rite, interesting as it might be, would require much more space than can possibly be devoted to them in a daily paper.

We now turn from orthodox Judaism to its present

INTELLECTUAL ASPECTS.

This faith, like most of the Christian denominations, has been recently stirred to its profoundest depths by that eager spirit of inquiry and that restless movement ever forward through change and innovation to a brighter future which seem more than anything else to mark the age we live in. The modern Jew, like the modern Gentile, is eagerly examining the very bases of his hereditary creed, looking carefully at them from every intellectual standpoint with the cold eye of impartial criticism, and earnestly endeavoring to brush away the thick films of error and obscurity that have by slow but sure stages overlaid them during the sluggish march of forty centuries. In short, there is a "progressive school" of thinkers in the ranks of Judaism, as there is also an advance guard of intellectual workers in the ranks of Christianity.

It is, perhaps, in somewhat bad taste to hazard a guess as to how it is that after remaining almost stationary for nearly two thousand years—that is to say, from the destruction of the Temple to about thirty years ago—Judaism has at length begun to show signs of internal activity and growth. But the reason seems so plain that it shall be dauntedly suggested. It is curious that those centuries of torpor correspond exactly to that long and dreary period during which it was a crime of the most heinous dye to avow one's self akin in blood to Solomon and Moses, to Elijah and David. Is there no connection between this universal external persecution and this unbroken internal repose of religious thought? Is it now rather clear that the Jew and the Christian, the one educated to hate, to despise and to persecute the seed of Abraham, and the other educated to fear, to detest and to annoy the believers in the Cross, being thus separated from each other by a bridgeless gulf of bitter animosity and long-cherished enmity, necessarily failed altogether to religiously influence each other? Here and there, perhaps, an individual member of either race broke through the traditional prejudices of his people, but the grand masses of men on both sides ceased in any way to exercise any reciprocal influence upon each other. But now that in nearly every civilized country the Israelite enjoys the same social and political advantages as the Gentile, and is among the more advanced peoples even welcomed as a brother, both Jew and Gentile begin to act upon each other, not only socially, but even religiously. That is perhaps the only way in which can be explained the now widespread tendency among progressive Jews to approximate Judaism, not exactly to Christianity, but to certain forms of religious belief—Unitarianism, for instance—which prevail among us.

The extreme radical progressive Jews, indeed, contemplate nothing short of the conversion of the whole human race to Judaism. Thus they excise the entire national element of the Jewish faith, throwing overboard all observances which appeal merely to the Israelite and not to the man. But the following extract from a recent book eloquently gives the present advanced opinion on this head:—

"Israel must still be an unit, still linked together by the mystic tie of the Hebrew tongue; for Israelites have still to work together for the accomplishment of their heavenly mission. The time, however, will assuredly arrive when, with God's blessing, every vestige of error, of idolatry, of false belief, of bigotry, of superstition, of ignorance will be banished from the earth; when all the petty differences which various religious systems now build up to separate the children of one eternal Father will become merged in a lasting bond of union; when there shall be no more Jews, no more Christians, no more Mohammedans, no more pagans; when the world will no longer resound with the clamor of opposing doctrines; when all mankind will be regenerated by God's divine rule; when all mankind will hail each other as brothers and rejoice in the glorious title of man; when there will be but one God and one religion, one kingdom and one temple, one Creator and one human family."

Truly a noble dream, but one which, as the Rev. Raphael d'C. Lewin adds, "will unfortunately not be realized for ages to come."

THE REFORM SCHOOL

have already done much to gentilize their creed. The services in their synagogues are in the vernacular tongue, the sexes are not separated from each other, many features of the ceremonial law have been allowed to fall into desuetude, and some of the fasts and festivals are altogether ignored; and in sentiment they have even advanced much farther. For instance, in regard to the destruction of the Temple, the book already quoted boldly states:—"It was indeed a blessing to Israel and to the world that the Jewish nationality was overthrown, the Temple destroyed and the Jews scattered unto the four corners of the earth. To Israel it was a blessing because thenceforth every Israelite became a seed which, sown into different portions of the world, was hereafter to become a tree the fruit of which should be even as the fruit of Knowledge, giving instruction to all men." And again:—"Truly the ninth of Ab, the day when God wisely destroyed our political existence forever—wisely dispersed us among all nations forever—is becoming more and more recognized as a day of honor and triumph, a day to be commemorated by the purest feelings of joy and gratitude." Thus it will be seen that the modern Jew believes neither in an actual advent of the Messiah nor the restoration of the Jews to their birthright. The reign of the Messiah is merely the coming millennium, which a previous extract so eloquently described.

At present, however, it is only a small section of the Jews who hold the extreme doctrines of radical progressive Judaism, though the rigidly orthodox can boast even fewer disciples, at any rate in the city of New York. The mass of Israelites hold a middle course: they are not as yet prepared for such sweeping changes as are proposed, but certainly the tendency of most Jewish congregations seems in that direction.

In New York, at the present time, there are at least fifty thousand Israelites. For the purposes of religious worship they have about thirty synagogues, which represent almost every nationality, and vary very much in architectural importance and the handsomeness of their internal appointments. The finest synagogue, by general consent, is that of Emanu El, a lengthy description of which has already appeared in the columns of the HERALD. Most of its members are Germans; indeed, at least two-thirds of all New York Israelites belong to the same nationality. This temple leans very decidedly to the Reform School; the sexes mingle together indiscriminately, there are female singers in the choir, and a great part of the service is conducted in a modern language. The most important synagogue in members is that on Thirty-fourth street, which is also decidedly conservative. The oldest synagogue is that on Nineteenth street, of which the Rev. Mr. Lyons is pastor. The founders of this congregation were Portuguese Jews, who came to this city nearly two hundred years ago, in the old Dutch times. Of course the present members are almost entirely American Jews, and the congregation has the reputation of being extremely wealthy. Another very influential synagogue, consisting almost entirely of American and English Jews, is that on Forty-fourth street. There is also a very fine temple on Thirty-ninth street, with a radical progressive German congregation. To show the Jewish nationalities present in the city it may be stated that there is, in addition to the American, English and German synagogues alluded to, a Polish synagogue (strict orthodox) on Allen street; a Bohemian synagogue on Fourth street, near avenue C; a Hollander synagogue on Stanton street and a French synagogue on Sixth street.

All except four or five of the synagogues of New York are conservative, so far as concerns the separation of the sexes and the exclusion of female singers from the choir.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET,
MONDAY, Dec. 26, 1870.

A CLOSE HOLIDAY.

The social celebration of Christmas has been observed as a "close" holiday, as it is termed in Wall street. The various boards stand adjourned to Tuesday morning. We repeat the latest prices of the leading speculative stocks:—Western Union Telegraph, 45¾ a 45⅝; Pacific Mail, 39¾ a 39⅞; New York Central Consolidated, 91 a 91½; New York Central scrip, 87⅛ a 87⅜; Erie, 23¾ a 24; Reading, 98⅜ a 98¾; Lake Shore, 91¾ a 91⅞; Northwestern, 70⅛ a 70⅜; do. preferred, 81 a 81½; Rock Island, 103¾ a 104; St. Paul, 55⅞ a 55⅝; do. preferred, 80 a 80½; Wabash, 48¾ a 48⅝; Ohio and Mississippi, 27⅝ a 27¾; Boston, Hartford and Erie, 2¾ a 2¼.

Gold closed Saturday at 110½ a 110¾.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The money market has absorbed unusual attention during the past few weeks, owing to its great activity and occasional stringency.

AT CHICAGO

the topic is treated in the following full and interesting manner by the *Tribune* of Saturday:—

Among the causes which and to make money tight at present, but which must soon disappear, and, on the other hand, contribute to make money abundant soon after the 1st of January, is the unusual accumulation of currency in the national Treasury to the amount of $30,000,000, which is fully double what it has been customary to retain in the Treasury at this season of the year, when the currency is needed in the West to market the hog crop and in the South to market the cotton crop. Until quite recently the effect of this accumulation of currency in the Treasury was not severely felt, because the mild weather of this year had been unusually prolonged, and the first of the two above mentioned great crops had not begun to move. But the weather of the past week has caused great activity in this line and created a demand for currency which is the greater because it has been deferred so long. Complaints of Mr. Boutwell's new policy of hoarding currency are now becoming general, and as he will probably be influenced by these to increase his bond purchases, which have been unaccountably limited lately—considering the large balances of both gold and currency in the Treasury—the result will be that the Treasury accumulation of currency will be set afloat to increase the abundance of money that would be experienced anyhow, after the 1st of January, and that the Secretary will buy bonds at a higher price than he could buy them for now. It is not probable that any human being could conduct the affairs of the United States Treasury without becoming the subject of a great deal of unfavorable criticism. In fact, intelligent and continuous criticism by the public press is what any chief executive of the Treasury should look for, and regard it as a means of finding out when any particular policy was being pushed beyond reasonable limits and becoming harmful to the business interests of the country. But there are certain periodic movements of crops and capital, which may be expected with such regularity that the Secretary of the Treasury ought to anticipate them and prepare for them as much as he does for the payment of instalments of interest on the public debt. The country always requires more currency during the period from September 1 to the middle of December than at any other season of the year, and during that period it should be the policy of the Treasury to run its currency balance as low as is safe. As long as there is no reduction of taxation and no determined policy in regard to a resumption of specie payments, and, therefore, no contraction of the currency called for on that score, the only use to which the surplus revenue can be judiciously applied is the purchase of bonds. This is the only way the currency can be got into circulation again after it has once been drawn into the Treasury by the collection of internal revenue. Everything, therefore, shows that the fall and early winter are the seasons when the bond purchases of the Treasury should be increased. This has not been the policy of the Treasury this season, and the effects on the money market have been to decrease the amount of circulation at the stringent season, and promptly will be to increase it when money is abundant.

Notwithstanding the stringency of money in the commercial market for ordinary trade purposes it is worthy of note that our local market is abundantly supplied with capital for more permanent investment in mortgages on first class real estate. On such security money is freely offered for a term of years at eight per cent per annum, and on medium class property there is a good supply of money to be had at nine per cent per annum. All of this kind of capital now in this market is from abroad, and shows how Chicago stands in the estimation of capitalists in other cities. It also shows that the present stringency of money is caused not by the scarcity of capital than by the scarcity of it in a form available for circulation. The principal borrowers in the local money market now are the pork packers. Grain operators are not asking for much, and the mercantile community seem to be getting along without asking for much aid from the banks.

Country orders for currency were larger to-day than yesterday. Exchange was sold at from 75c. to $1 per $1,000 discount for sales between banks. At the counter, bankers sell at 1-10 premium and buy at 1-10 discount.

AT CINCINNATI,

according to the *Enquirer* of Saturday,

There is a continued good demand for loans, and in some cases the applications were more liberal. The regular bankers are at present discounting little outside paper, as they find ample employment for their means in attending to the claims of depositors, or to those to whom they are under obligations. The offerings of paper in the open market, however, were not large, and the brokers report little authority in placing good names. There is but little paper of a speculative character afloat, the demand being mainly for legitimate purposes, and the different branches of trade are well represented in the list of applicants. The heaviest demand, however, was from the pork packers. Local checking was heavy, and the country banks are still drawing freely on this city for currency. Rates of interest are firm. Money in the open market is worth 12 per cent, but dealers are able to negotiate loans at 10 per cent, and in some cases they were supplied at 8 a 9, but the former is the ruling figure. The brokers report the offerings of paper in the open market only moderate, and good names are placed without difficulty.

AT NEW ORLEANS

the activity in connection with the movement of the cotton crop seems to have passed the climax. The *Bee* says:—

The money market continues to show signs of increasing ease. At the banks there is still a good demand for discounts, but with an increase in their available funds nearly all the approved paper offered is accepted. On the street capitalists in most cases still hold out for the high rates which have prevailed for some time past, but accommodations are extended more readily at inside figures. With these remarks we quote 1 a 1¼ per cent per month for A1 notes accompanied by unexceptionable collaterals, with occasional transactions at 10 per cent per annum; — 2 1½ for good do., and 1½ a 1¾ and 2 for good to A1 business paper without collaterals.

COURSE OF EMPIRE.

Two thousand and fifty-eight passengers arrived at this port from foreign ports during the week ending Saturday, December 24. They came by the following vessels:—

Steamships Tybee, St. Domingo, 4; Copernicus, Buenos Ayres, 11; Iowa, Glasgow, 67; Nevada, Liverpool, 180; Sidonian, Glasgow, 150; City of Cork, Liverpool, 69; Captidan, Havana, 3; Merrimac, Rio Janeiro, 36; Thuringia, Hamburg, 238; City of London, Liverpool, 304; Tyrian, Palermo, &c., 5; Morro Castle, Havana, 13; Russia, Liverpool, 214; Guiding Star, Antwerp, &c., 105; Cleopatra, Havana, 1; Rhein, Bremen, 255; Lafayette, Havre, 58; Pennsylvania, Liverpool, 252; ship American Congress, London, 0; barks Quickstep, Liverpool, 2; Clara, Buenos Ayres, 1. Total number of passengers, 2,058.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Albert Barnes.

The distinguished Presbyterian divine, Albert Barnes, died suddenly, in Philadelphia, at four P. M., on Saturday last. About half-past three o'clock on that day, in company with his daughter, he left his residence for a visit to a friend living about a mile distant. He walked the entire distance, and reached the house of his friend considerably fatigued. Entering, he took a seat and awaited the coming of the family, when suddenly, and without uttering an exclamation he fell back upon his chair and expired.

Mr. Barnes was born in Rome, N. Y., December 1, 1798. While working in his father's tannery he pursued his studies so closely that he prepared himself for college, and entered Hamilton College, New York, whence he graduated in 1820, at the age of twenty-two. After pursuing a theological course at Princeton College, New Jersey, he received his license to preach, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Morristown, N. J., in February, 1825. In 1830 he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, and presided over that congregation until within a few years ago, when age and infirmities compelled him to resign his charge. As a pulpit orator Mr. Barnes had few equals upon the American Continent. His manner was peculiarly winning and his language strong, concise and convincing. None excelled him in portraying the more lovely and touching truths of the Gospel which he taught; and it was this peculiar eloquence which won him such a place in the hearts of his congregation. Mr. Barnes was, however, more extensively appreciated as a writer than as a preacher. His numerous writings, and "Bible Commentaries" in particular, have earned him a world-wide reputation. His "Notes on the Gospels" probably were the most popular Protestant theological works ever published, more than a million copies of the English edition alone having been printed. They have been extensively translated and adopted by leading Biblical students in the Old World. His "Life of St. Paul," "Evidences of Christianity" and "Scriptural Views of Slavery" also obtained a wide circulation.

At the division of the Presbyterian Church, in 1832, Mr. Barnes sided with the New School party, and was the leading spirit in that branch of the Church for many years. One of the most interesting incidents of the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia last spring was the fraternal visit of nearly fifty of the alumni of Hamilton College, of which, with a single exception, Mr. Barnes was the oldest living alumnus. Mr. Barnes preached his last sermon on Sunday, the 18th, to the inmates of the Philadelphia House of Refuge, and was in apparent perfect health up to the moment of his sudden demise.

Captain Minor Knowlton.

This gentleman died at Burlington, N. J., on the 24th inst., in the sixty-sixth year of his age. In the year 1825 he entered West Point, from Connecticut, and in 1829 he was appointed Brevet Second Lieutenant of the First artillery. He filled many positions in the capacity of military instructor. Captain Knowlton wrote some works which have attracted attention. His work on "Notes on Gunpowder—Cannon and Projectiles," was published in 1840, and was favorably received. Desirous of seeing service abroad, he, in the year 1845, attached himself to the staff of the French Marshal Bugeaud, and served with the French army in Algeria. At the time of his death Captain Knowlton was still in the service. All who knew him speak kindly of his many s

CHRISTMAS.

The Second Day of the Great Festival.

Secular, Popular and Jocular Celebrations in the Metropolis and Elsewhere.

The Charitable Institutions, Public and Private—The Day on the Ponds and in the Parlors.

It might have been expected that Christmas, coming on Sunday and being celebrated by the secular world on Monday, would give rise to some confusion; but the appearance of the city yesterday showed that there was no misunderstanding on the subject. All that could be said about Christmas has been said already. The Church celebrations of the day, as a great Christian festival, have been duly recorded; but the secular world, while celebrating Christmas, still observed that the Sabbath had some claims, and those claims were duly recognized; but there must be some festivity, some "worldly" enjoyment, to show that the Christmas time is a merry time indeed, and that was reserved until yesterday. From the reports given below it will be seen that the day was everywhere enjoyed in a proper spirit, and that although the day was "the second day of Christmas" of 1870 it was "a merry Christmas" in every respect.

In the Public Institutions.

The day will long be remembered by the inmates of the public institutions on Ward's, Randall's and Blackwell's Islands, judging by the rays of gladness that lighted up the faces of the recipients of the good cheer so bountifully provided by the Commissioners of Emigration and Charities.

ON WARD'S ISLAND.

The Commissioners of Emigration proceeded to the island at an early hour in the morning and provided a superb dinner for four or five hundred children and adults. The little ones in addition were rendered happy by the reception of toys and other articles calculated to gladden their little hearts and remind them that there are some who on each returning anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind remember them with feelings of love and kindness.

ON RANDALL'S ISLAND.

Commissioners Brennan, Bowen, Nicholson, Frear and Bell, and Warden Stephens provided the usual spread to the children and adults on Randall's Island. Beside the generous supply of poultry and plumb-pudding the Commissioners furnished a number of Christmas trees which were ladened with sweetmeats and bon-bons, that made their young hearts rejoice. Mr. John Duff, of the Olympic theatre, generously contributed handsome collars and bows for the girls who received them with demonstrations of unfeigned pleasure. Among the most pleasing features of the day's proceedings were recitations, dialogues and songs by the children, over a thousand of whom mingled their infantile voices in songs of praise and thankfulness to God for his bountiful blessings to them.

ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND

the same mode of commemorating the day was observed, and all the inmates enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. In the evening a ball was given the lunatics, and nearly all joined in the dancing with a zest worthy of sane persons.

THE SCHOOL SHIP MERCURY

sailed from this port some two weeks ago for a cruise in the West Indies, but before her departure all arrangements were made to give the boys their annual feast, and yesterday they doubtless partook of the bounty of the Commissioners beneath the warm rays of a tropical sun and upon the heaving bosom of old ocean.

Turkey at the Tombs.

The ceremonies at the Tombs yesterday were of a most impressive character. Early in the afternoon Warden Stacom, attended by several assistants and coryphees, made an entrance to the main court of the prison, the assistants bearing on salvers high uplifted the choicest viands, which were to be set before the unhappy *men* who were suffering for their country's good. Fragrant dishes of wild boar, trimmed with thyme, and hyoscamus, pheasants and ptarmigans and barons of roast beef were carried in solemn procession through the lonely stone corridors of the prison without sound of fife or drum. The gentlemanly Warden sat down to a noble banquet, at which he presided with his wonted elegance and grace. The matron of the prison—good, kind-hearted Mrs. Foster—had provided Warden Stacom with a snow white bib and tucker, which he wore up to his graceful neck. Steaming dishes of chicken fricassee were sent to the prisoners convicted or under charge of felony in their cell cells. Smoking hot coffee and choice tidbits of turkey were served up to the men and women who were locked up on charges of misdemeanor, and many an ancient and right honorable "coon," whose coppers were hot from the night before had his palate cooled with the leg of a duck, touched up with Worcestershire sauce. The women dined at a common table, the men also confined for minor offences dined at a large table, and Mr. Stacom moved among them like a ministering angel. When the cloth was removed he arose and spoke as follows:—

"Prisoners, you are unfortunate enough to be confined here for the offences which you have committed. Many of you whom I see before me are not here for any criminal act—in fact, I might say you are nobody's enemies but yourselves. But the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections intended that you should have a square meal on Christmas Day, which nobody can deny. (Here there was a movement of grateful enthusiasm among the prisoners.) It would be far better for all of you that you were among the bosoms of your families this day, but 'you know how it is yourselves.' Hereafter let all the ends you strive for be your country's and your homes. Emulate the example of Marco Bozarris and George the Count Joannes and all will be well that ends well. Now I dismiss you to your homes on the classic banks of the Collect Pond."

The warden concluded amid great cheering and the ten day men retired with tears in their eyes, and thus ended the second celebration of Christmas at the Egyptian Tombs.

The Day in the Five Points.

The little ones, under the care of the charitable institutions situated in the Five Points—viz., the Mission and the House of Industry—got a sweet taste of the enjoyments of Christmas yesterday. On Christmas Day the regular Sunday services only were celebrated in the chapels of the institutions, while the treating of the young ones to Christmas presents and a good dinner was delayed till yesterday, when, as it was announced to them, the jolly old Santa Claus had promised to make his annual visit, laden with the nicest gifts.

Shortly before one o'clock about 370 nicely clad children—girls and boys—assembled in the chapel of the House of Industry to chant some merry Christmas glees and carols ere they marched off, two by two, to partake of the exquisite hot dinner of turkey and rich puddings prepared for them. But it was only after their return from the feast, and when the inner boy and girl had been satisfied, that the real merriment of the day seemed to brighten up their intelligent little countenances,

FLUSHED WITH GOOD CHEER.

They came back to the chapel with more lively steps and ringing laugh along the halls, and took the rows of seats facing the crowded assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. The chapel was most tastefully ornamented. Entering the door the eye was first attracted by a beautifully embellished card with the Scriptural sentence "A Saviour is born unto ye" printed thereon; under this the Stars and Stripes was festooned around a large framed copy of appropriate texts, while from the four corners of the chapel and from its sides soft chains of evergreens and flowers were stretched to the centre of the ceiling. Spirally, like the ivy, they crept up the pillars, and then where one would the fresh look of the bright green added a pleasing charm to the whole scene. The object, however, that attracted most the gaze of the youngsters was the Christmas tree, reaching to the ceiling and bowed down under the weight of

THE CURIOUS FRUIT THAT CHRISTMAS BRINGS FORTH.

Many a wistful glance did the young chaps cast at the various articles pending from that as yet forbidden tree, while the little girls had a difficulty to remember the words of the carols and at the same time take particular notice of the thousands of wonderful dolls on this tree of life.

The stripping at length came, and every boy and girl passed out of the chapel clutching with the eagerness of a miser the inestimable treasure that fell to his or her share from that inexhaustible tree. Addresses were made to the young ones, and, indeed, to the assemblage generally, by the Rev. Mr. Mugins, Mr. R. Jessups, and by the Superintendent, Mr. Barnard, but there is scarcely a need to repeat them, since the managers and trustees of this establishment need only point to the healthy children—moral and physical—under their charge to silence the doubts of crotchet charity.

The Five Points Mission.

Across the way, and within hearing of the merry voices that rang forth in the clear tones of childhood, another congregation of juveniles were assembled on the same gratifying occasion. About seven hundred children were treated not only to gifts and toys, but to good, substantial food, both cooked and cold, which they were allowed to bring home to their hungry little brothers and sisters and poor father or mothers. There was no dinner table set set at this institution. The exercises commenced at one o'clock in the afternoon, and consisted of glees and the usual Christmas carols and choruses by the Sunday school children. The presents to the children were distributed by the traditional old Santa Claus, who made his appearance in the most approved fashion of the olden times by descending through a chimney. Alas for those trusting days of yore. In these mistrustful and degenerate times the

BENEVOLENT AND VENERABLE SANTA CLAUS

would likely be shot at as a burglar if he attempted to come down one of our chimneys on a Christmas Eve, even with the best intentions, to present bon-bons to our children. Never mind, children; they cannot kill a spirit.

The young lads and lasses were first informed by a letter from Santa Claus himself that on the receipt of his of present instance he would most probably be as far as the crossbar that holds the bothooks and kettles in the chimney in his festive visit towards them. Oh, what expectation was depicted on the youthful countenances! There were the young groups, here and there, whispering over one another's shoulders, and bent forward, intent in their gaze on the chimney, got up for the occasion, through which Santa Claus, with his innumerable presents, was to descend.

Down he came, pop; and, lo! what a singular being! The boys and the girls chuckled and clapped hands, and vociferated, and ha, ha'd, till they were tired, at the strange appearance of this traditional old friend. He had a long gray beard down over his breast, and possessed the most benevolent expression of countenance. Upon his head he wore a fur cap. His coat, of thick stuff, hung down to his knees. Over his

PATRIARCHAL BEARD

frost and icicles were scattered and ashes strewn over his garments. "About his middle round" innumerable toys dazzled and the chimney seemed interminably filled with more. On they poured fast after his old heels and were soon appropriated by the merry crowd. He made a benevolent speech to the young ones, bade them, in a hollow voice, be good, and that he would visit them again next year with more costly presents. All assortments of toys were distributed to the seven hundred children, the edibles, such as nuts and sweetmeats, being particularly patronized by them. Dr. J. D. Craig was Santa Claus. The Superintendent of the Five Points Mission, Rev. Mr. Shaffer, made an address to the happy assemblage. At three o'clock P. M. the merry gathering broke up.

House of Mercy.

At this institution, which is under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, 110 old and indigent men were treated to a Christmas dinner in the large laundry. The beautiful little chapel was decorated very elaborately for the midnight mass, which took place on Christmas Eve, Father Kearney officating. About seventy-five inmates sat down to a splendid Christmas dinner, which consisted of the customary good fare. Mother Augusta is Superioress of the House. In the basement of the chapel was a lifelike representation of the Saviour's birth. Not a few of the many visitors repaired to the basement and remained kneeling in pious devotion before this Orb of Bethlehem the greater part of the day.

Magdalene Asylum.

The ladies in charge of this excellent asylum resolved to postpone their Christmas festivities until Thursday, January 5, 1871, when both Christmas and New Year's days are to be appropriately observed by the inmates. The reason of this postponement is that the lady directors wish to be present on the occasion, but could not have been had it come off yesterday, because they were then celebrating the day at their several houses.

House of the Good Shepherd.

On Christmas Eve midnight mass was celebrated in the chapel of this large institution, at Nineteen street, near East river. The Rev. Father Thieaux, of Yorkville, officiated. The singing by the Sisters and Miss Sayers, who assisted them, was very fine. Miss Sayers' splendid contralto voice was a feature of the singing. The Christmas dinner was a sumptuous affair, and consisted of turkeys, pies, cakes and other delicacies. It was donated by Mr. Daniel Sweeny, Mrs. Daniel Devlin and Mrs. Jeremiah Devlin, who, ever since the House was opened, thirteen years ago, have been similarly generous every Christmas time. Upward of 600 Sisters partook of the dinner. Yesterday the festival was again observed. There were extra recreation and feasting. The Sisters presented two very fine Christmas trees to the children in their classes. There was a continuous succession of visitors throughout the day, which was very happily spent.

St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum.

Good Christmas cheer was provided in abundance to the 200 boys and girls who are inmates of this Asylum, of which Mother Hyacinthe is superioress. The day was also observed by appropriate religious ceremonies in the chapel—high mass and vespers being celebrated midnight and morning. The asylum, which is located on Eighty-ninth street, near East river, is supported by German Roman Catholics. The Christmas dinner was an excellent one, and it was pleasant to witness the despatch with which the youngsters made the good things disappear from the table. Many friends visited the Asylum in the course of day, and the children received numerous Christmas presents. There were three Christmas trees—one for the boys, another for the girls and the third for the smaller children, and there was also a representation of the crib of Bethlehem. When the wax tapers on the trees were lit up they presented a very fine appearance. Of course, the day was a holiday.

At the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.

The Sabbath school connected with this church, in Stanton street, and the Industrial School for poor, ragged children, supported by and conducted under the auspices of this church, assembled yesterday afternoon and evening, and, together with visitors, crowded the church to its utmost capacity, to celebrate their annual Christmas festivities. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers around the pulpit, the font and the communion table; on either side of the altar were large and imposing Christmas trees, well loaded with choice gifts from good old Santa Claus. The exceedingly interesting exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith, when the children of both schools delivered themselves of select recitations, songs and declamations, to the delight of all present, at the conclusion of which Mr. B. C. Wetmore, the superintendent, was called upon and received with hearty applause by the children. He delivered a few appropriate and happy remarks, and proceeded to dispense the beautiful gifts provided for the most worthy scholars, among whom may be mentioned Miss Frances Lippitt, a faithful little scholar of Miss Addie Batkerd's class, who received a beautiful work basket and the approbation of the pastor for her energy in committing to memory upwards of four hundred verses of Scripture, and John M. Metz, a little boy of twelve years of age, who attended school regularly at all seasons, and was dutiful to parents and teachers. Miss Angelina Mosher, who presided at the organ, received a gift in token of gratitude from her class, after which the scholars were dismissed by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Leacock.

In the Schools of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society.

Nowhere was Christmas celebrated in a more delightful and happy manner than in the several schools of this society, numbering over 1,100 children. The "Home" at No. 101 St. Mark's place and the large hall No. 207 Bowery were beautifully decorated, and the joyous bearing of all present was very pleasant to be observed. Short addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. E. F. Edwards, Adam Greene and D. F. Robertson. Simon Stevens also made a very happy application of some of the dialogues spoken by the children. Dudley Field, president of the society, sent a handsome present of $100 to the children.

The Newsboys' Lodging Houses.

During the past few days there have been very jolly times in the Newsboys' Lodging House in Park place and its kindred institution of St. Vincent de Paul in Warren street. Christmas week has been prolific of gifts and good cheer to the wild street Arabs of our city, who have so often to suffer hunger and cold in disseminating the news to their many thousands of patrons. In the Park place house there are four floors, 50 by 95 feet, in which are bathrooms, kitchens, laundries, dining rooms and large, clean and well ventilated dormitories. In the dormitories are 269 fine, comfortable beds, and there is a large gymnasium attached. Mr. O'Connor, the superintendent, paid a visit to the establishment in Park place for the purpose of purchasing five cases of shoes for the boys as Christmas gifts, and on offering to pay for them the firm generously refused to take the money, and donated them to the boys. The regulations here are very simple. Breakfast at six o'clock and supper at seven; night school commences at half-past seven P. M. During ten years 20,469 boys have been cared for by this institution and 1,000 truants have been returned to their friends. There is a savings bank in the house, and each boy has a box of his own into which he drops pennies and stamps, and at the end of the month the total amount is returned to him. One thousand one hundred and four boys have used this bank during the year, their deposits amounting to $2,433 60. One lad of a thrifty spirit has $500 in bank. The charges are six cents each for supper, lodging and breakfast, amounting in all to eighteen cents a day. The boys have contributed $4,214 towards the expenses of the house, and the outlay on each lad, given by voluntary contributors, to a year does not average more than $1 75. During the year 58,129 meals and 55,556 lodgings have been furnished, and the average number who have found sleeping accommodations is 153. For seventeen years the Newsboys' Lodging House has existed, and during that time the total expense has been $109,326, of which amount the boys have contributed $28,956. Reading, writing and the elementary branches are taught in the night school, and addresses are made by prominent persons. When Horace Greeley speaks to the boys the strictest discipline is needed to keep them from leaping off the benches.

The St. Vincent de Paul Newsboys' Lodging House is situated in Warren street, where a large building is occupied, in which there is an average attendance of sixty to eighty boys, who receive their meals and lodgings for twenty cents a day or one dollar and forty cents per week. Those boys who attend mass on Sunday, however, are not charged for their boarding or lodging on Sunday. This lodging house is under the supervision of a selected committee from the conferences of St. Paul attached to the different Catholic churches of New York and has been in operation about nine months. It bids fair in time to equal its rival in Park place. In both institutions roast beef, plum pudding, turkeys and other choice dishes were given to the boys at their Sunday and Monday dinners.

At the Theatres.

At both the afternoon and evening performances the theatres were all crowded. The proprietors were wild with joy, for the prospects of coffers overflowing were very grateful sights; the managers were wild with excitement, for though they like to have crowded houses they find in such spasmodic gatherings as those of yesterday only more work and no more pay for themselves. The houses were all literally "packed from pit to dome." At Niblo's there were dozens in the family circle hanging on by the ceiling ornaments. At Lina Edwin's pretty little theatre the crowds were immense, and cheered the pretty and talented manageress, perplexed the indomitable Pray and enjoyed themselves hugely. At the Theatre Comique, at the Globe, at the Fifth Avenue and all the others the same scenes might be enjoyed—crowds of males and females standing, sitting, hanging on wherever they got a chance, all seeming to enjoy the shows, and giving rise to the query, where do the people all come from on such days as these?

THEIR WAY IN BROOKLYN.

The juvenile portion of the community who had selected a convenient place near the chimney for the suspension of their stockings before retiring on Sunday night were astir at an early hour yesterday morning, and it is scarcely necessary to say there was no more sleep for *pères familias*. It was Christmas, and little eyes sparkled with unusual brilliancy as the little hands delved down even to the toes of the stockings, and brought forth innumerable toys of all descriptions, and little cheeks were inflated with wind in efforts to bring music out of small horns, harmonicons, whistles, &c. The appetites of the urchins were not as voracious as usual when the breakfast table was spread, and some boldly asserted that they did not want anything to eat. At nine o'clock the little ones repaired in large numbers to the Sunday schools, which presented a holiday appearance, being tastefully decorated with wreaths of evergreen and Christmas trees and flags. At these schools the superintendents, teachers and others made and received presents, and the scholars received their usual Christmas boxes of candies, oranges, New Year's cakes, &c. There were addresses in the churches, and hymns were sung, and then the scholars were dismissed and returned to their homes. The newsboys had a glorious time at their lodging house in Poplar street, and succeeded in demolishing a number of turkeys.

All the stores and public offices were closed, and the streets presented a quiet, holiday appearance.

There were no public celebrations, but, judging from the numbers of brilliantly lighted parlors, from which the sounds of laughter and of music stole forth into the quiet, out of doors air, Christmas was celebrated in true, old fashioned family style in the goodly City of Churches.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW JERSEY.

In Jersey City.

The dulness, quiet and total absence of any symptom of activity through the streets of Jersey City yesterday were sufficient evidence that Christmas was being rigidly observed in the family circle. There was no outdoor amusement; but the inmates of several charitable institutions were reminded of their better days by a liberal supply of this world's goods. The attendance at the churches was comparatively slim, owing to the fact that people celebrated the religious festival on Sunday.

The Day in Newark.

Yesterday, following the very elaborate religious observance of Christmas on Sunday, the good people of Newark abstained, *en masse*, from ordinary week day labor and indulged in a right royal secular observance of the joyous season. Everybody vied with everybody else in making the occasion the merriest of the merry and happiest of the happy. Considering the immense quantities of Jersey champagne, alias apple-jack, and other promiscuous exhilarators that presumably were made away with, the order which prevailed throughout the day was really a proper subject for congratulation on the part of local social economists. From eight o'clock in the morning till a late hour in the evening but eight persons were arrested in the entire city. At the Essex County Jail 160 inmates were provided with a gorgeous spread of fricasee chicken and homemade pie, besides being released from ordinary labor.

NEWARK'S GARRET MYSTERY.

Some New Revelations for the Coroner's Ear Only—The Grand Jury to Inquire Rightly Into the Matter.

The public, through the columns of the HERALD, have already been fully informed of all the essential facts in one of Newark's most mysterious of mysteries—the Ilgen garret mystery. Since the group of intelligent Newarkers convened by Coroner Chase to inquire into the causes of poor Franz Ilgen's death brought in, after six days' arduous labor, the remarkable verdict of death "from apoplexy or some other cause unknown," regardless of the fact that not a word in the entire one hundred and one pages of evidence was there to warrant the dragging in of "apoplexy"—since then Coroner Chase has kept a strict watch on the case, and has stumbled on, he believes, some highly important links of evidence heretofore sought for in vain. It is his intention to bring the entire matter before the Grand Jury of Essex county, which meets in another week, when it will receive all the attention the gravity of the case demands. The action of certain county officials in declining to agree to the expense of an analytical examination of the stomach on the score of public economy is very severely criticised on all sides. The plea that, inasmuch as the insurance men were interested pecuniarly in the case, on them should devolve the expense of a coroner's inquest, in part or in whole, is, of course, too absurd to consider even. If a monstrous crime is believed to have been committed in the community, then is it the bounden duty of the officers of the law to use all possible efforts to trace out the perpetrator and avenge at once the outraged majesty of the law and the memory of the dead—and this utterly regardless of the desires, wishes or interests of any individual or individuals. If, on the other hand, there was no reasonable ground to suspect foul play, then it was a gross outrage, an infamous perversion of official power, to order or hold any inquest. Everything, however, clearly goes to show that there were and still are ample reasons for strongly entertaining the opinion that poor Ilgen was murdered. Coroner Chase has already received authoritative assurance that on the assembling of the Grand Jury his efforts in the premises will receive proper co-operation. It would not be surprising, after all, if "murder will out."

THE SEVENTH WARD POOR.

Preparations for the Distribution of the Tweed Relief Fund.

Tweed Poor Association of the Seventh ward will commence to give relief to the poor and needy of the Seventh ward on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, at No. 114 East Broadway. The directors will engage a large number of clerks to register names at the opening of persons making application for aid; they will also keep open that night, if necessary, until twelve o'clock, if the number of applicants should warrant. The relief given will be fuel, provisions, clothing, shoes, medicine and any other articles necessary; but in no case will money be advanced. The inspectors appointed to visit those applying for relief will commence on Wednesday night, and orders will be issued for relief. The moment they report any misappropriation on the part of those relieved aid will be discontinued.

Any gentleman in the ward who knows any case of want on the part of any persons who may feel a delicacy to apply for relief will please report the names at the office and their case will be attended to. It is to be hoped that every citizen in the ward will interest himself in this matter.

THIEVES IN A TARGET COMPANY.

At half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, while a target company belonging to the Sixteenth ward was passing through West Bleecker street, detective Blackwood arrested one of the company who had some time since, as is alleged, robbed the house No. 4 Ninth avenue; but the whole gang came to the rescue of the prisoner and gave the officer a very rough handling, beating him badly over the head and body. The reserve force of the Ninth precinct was turned out to secure the capture of the alleged thief, but he has so far contrived to escape arrest.

ROWDY ROOSTERS.

UNRULY BIRD FIGHTS IN JERSEY

Sport for the Chicken Fancy—An Affray for Two Hundred Dollars and Other Battles for Less Sums—Determined and Ferocious Fighting.

With eyes and feathers right,
And with heels sharp and prime,
In condition for the fight,
And sure to come to time
As a clock.

The year 1870 is drawing to a close, and with it are accumulating "the festivities of the season." Christmas has already been celebrated, and thousands of hearts have been cheered and decaying friendships have been vivified around the social board by the observance of this Christian, honored custom that would otherwise have slumbered in eternal coldness. The shape of our rejoicings have been unlimited, our social gatherings have been many and strange; we have made our hearts glad with wine—if we could afford it—while others have killed the "fatted calf" in the shape of corpulent turkeys, monstrous chickens, oleaginous pigs, eat, drank and were merry—blessed institutions of forgetfulness. These in a measure have been fruitless of startling events, but one of the "episodes" is a little gentlemanly cock fighting—feathery contests—that took place last evening, and of which we want to treat as a mile-stone in the rejoicings of the season.

Flanders used to be called the "cockpit" of Europe, for there the English, French, Germans and Spaniards fought their battles. The cockpit in which New Jersey fight their battles is not necessary to mention, but it has been recently erected, is eligibly located and presided over by a "Gretchen" who is a master of his business and a clever fellow generally.

The battles were matches, all comers having game birds being accommodated. Ten couples, after the "weighing in" were found to be on the list, but because of the trouble at all times experienced in preparing these with their weapons of battle and the delay in selecting judges, it was past nine o'clock before the handlers came to the scratch with their birds.

First Match.—The weights were six pounds, $100 a side; New Jersey a blue brush-back, pretty and game looking; New York a blue-red, savage and villainous, of whom his owner had not a very exalted opinion. It was a long fight. Twenty to sixteen on Jersey. He was a strong and fast fighter, and the second or third fly "combled" his opponent; but the blue-red was a good one, and after acting shy for a while recovered and went to work in capital style, and finally got in a stroke that cooked the brush-back and he was sent home to his mother. Time, 21:50.

Second Match.—Uncle John Ludlow, from Union Hill, handled in a black-red, 4 lbs. 5 oz., while an opponent from Newark showed a brown-red. They fought for $50 a side. Ten to seven on Uncle John, who told the boys to be wary, as he knew but little about him, and "if he got licked he would run away." Union Hill was right, as at the second fly the black turned tail and, by turning some of the right angles old Dr. Weldon speaks of, showed he belonged to the "Travellers' Club." Time to whip this duner, 1:25.

Third Match.—Brooklyn against Union Hill—$50 a side—another trial for Uncle John. The former handled a black-red, with light hackle, five pounds four ounces and the old fight of cockfighting a birch-gray one ounce heavier. It was a chance for the subject of many misfortunes, but both were ineffective fighters, hardly able to knock a hole through a cobweb. The betting was even. The first few buckles the black had much the best of it, and if he had followed up his sickly foe might have won a second rate battle; but he didn't, and after getting pricked a few times gave tokens of going the way of Uncle John's black-red, and at last flew the pit amid the cries of "What a loser!" Time, 5:20.

Fourth Match.—Brooklyn against New York, $25 a side. The former passed over a lemon pyle, four pounds one ounce; the latter a red pyle, four pounds two ounces. They were beautiful birds and raspers. It was one of the best and most furious fights ever seen in a cockpit. They met high in the air, flap for flap, like the shaking of a topsail in a stiff breeze. It was hit for hit with the utmost rapidity and determination as fast as they could rise. Soon each was cut in forty places and their feathers were dyed in each other's blood. After fighting for fifteen minutes Brooklyn's pet was down, and it was thought he had gone the way that all game birds must go. The betting had been even until now, but after the lemon got an eye knocked out it was ten to four against him. He was one of the truest ever headed, and struggling to his legs, for a while turned the tide of battle, and his admirers shouted vehemently, as they thought he would win the fight as soon as one of the eyes. But the best stroke, and, being in little better condition, began to get the better of it the second time, and although he was met fly for fly, hit for hit, dogged perseverance and determined ferocity finally got the best of it. The other bird won almost like honors, and the general verdict was that they were both real stayers. It was one of the best battles ever witnessed. Time, 41:20.

It was now past midnight, and the sport went on until daybreak, but the above is sufficient to show how some portions of New York and New Jersey's citizens passed the holiday.

Many may not fully comprehend this character of amusement, but it claims its passionate admirers by the tens of thousands.

NEW YORK CITY.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's Pharmacy, HERALD Building, corner of Ann street:—

1869.	1870.		1869.	1870.
3 A. M.	38	27	3 P. M.	50	34
6 A. M.	39	28	6 P. M.	50	33
9 A. M.	45	30	9 P. M.	48	32
12 M.	50	31	12 P. M.	47	29

Average temperature yesterday 30½
Average temperature for corresponding date last year 45½

Mr. Andrew J. Baird, a single man forty-two years of age, died yesterday at No. 363 Bleecker street. About two weeks ago deceased was thrown from a carriage, injuring his shoulder, and apoplexy subsequently ensuing proved fatal.

Coroner Schirmer yesterday held an inquest on the body of John Brunner, a child two years of age, who died at the residence of the parents, 236 East Forty-seventh street. On Saturday evening the child upset a pot of boiling coffee from the stove and was thus fatally scalded.

A reception will be given to Captain E. S. Lott by the subscribers to the Lott testimonial fund, and his friends generally, at Delmonico's, Fourteenth street, this evening, at eight o'clock. Mr. D. B. Sickels, No. 8 Wall street, the treasurer of the fund, has the tickets.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schuetz, a German woman, seventy-six years of age, died at her residence, No. 46 Rose street, from the effects of injuries received last Thursday morning, in consequence of accidentally falling down a flight of stairs. Coroner Schirmer was notified to hold an inquest on the body.

Louis Gobel, a French negro, of Bordeaux, residing at 63 Madison street, appeared at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday with a head considerably swollen and wrapped in white bandages. It appears that in some way or other the negro incurred the drunken wrath of Patrick McCoy, who assaulted Gobel with a sea shell and battered his head in a terrible manner. McCoy was arrested, and upon being brough to court gave bail in $1,000 to answer at the General Sessions.

At the semi-annual reception of Grammar School No. 10, in Wooster street, the Gerard medals and school certificates were presented by James W. Gerard, who made an address on the occasion. The programme of exercises was under the supervision of Mr. H. P. Sanborn and Mr. J. B. Myers. The decoration of the room, which was of a most beautiful character, and the musical exercises were placed in the efficient hands of Miss Esther Pratt, one of the lady teachers of the school. The exercises consisted of acting, singing and speaking.

In accordance with an invitation to that effect, quite a number of prominent Hebrews assembled at No. 27 Chambers street, and organized under the name of Young Men's Hebrew Association. They organized on a similar basis as their Christian namesake. Their objects are the same, to be secured through the channels of lectures, libraries, &c. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Ralph Moss, President; Julius J. Lipman, Henry Ash, Vice Presidents; Ephraim Japha, Treasurer; Marcus A. Adler, Librarian; J. P. Solomon, Secretary. The association already numbers 300 members.

Edward McDermott, a stone cutter employed on the new Court House, Harlem, died Sunday afternoon in Bellevue Hospital. On Saturday evening deceased, while attempting to step upon the front platform of car 118 of the Third avenue line, slipped and fell before the wheel, which passed over his right leg and thigh, crushing it terribly. The accident occurred near 118th street. Deceased was forty-two years of age, a native of Ireland and boarded corner of Eighteenth street and Third avenue. He has a wife and four children now on their way to this country. Coroner Schirmer will hold an inquest on the body.

THE REPUBLICAN SPLIT.

A Bogus Despatch Exposed—The Republican Party Hopelessly Split—All the Stronger for It—Rebellion Against the Brown-Schurz Clique in Missouri—Tammany Ring, Jr.—Its Income—Suicidal Policy—What Will Be Done—President Grant's Only Course.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1870.

Early last week the leaders of the anti-Grant wing of the republican party here had the following despatch and others of similar character telegraphed all over the West and published in their organs and in outside papers:—

There is a fair chance of settling the division which arose among the Missouri republicans during the late campaign, *so far as it extends to the delegation here* and the position assumed by the Executive. Members of the House representing both parties in the late campaign have been in consultation with each other and with members of the administration for a week past, and to-day matters culminated in an interview with the President, at which the whole situation was talked over. The members present were Messrs. Van Horn, Burdett, Dyer and Benjamin. The President received them cordially, and the interview was of a very satisfactory character. Both sides came away satisfied that the President would co-operate cheerfully in an effort to reconcile all present differences. There is much good feeling over the present situation among the Missouri republicans, and they feel confident that the relations of the administration to political affairs in this State will now assume such a character as to prove of great advantage in the approaching election of a successor to Drake.

Of the sincerity of the anti-administration leaders' last week's profession of desire to heal dissension in the republican ranks the public can judge by reading their speeches of this week, particularly those of Messrs. Sumner, Schurz & Co. No democrat has ever berated President Grant so terribly as have these same "conciliatory" (?) republicans.

THE FACT IS,

the republican party is hopelessly split, quite down through from top to bottom. Spaulding's prepared glue won't save it.

As stated in my letter of yesterday, all these "conciliatory" movements originate with a miserable handful of St. Louis anti-Grant republicans, who have been running a little

TAMMANY RING, JR.,

in that city for this ten years, but which was smashed all to flinders by their efforts necessary to secure control of the State last fall. Two of the ring items—the newspaper advertisements and the salaries of Senator Schurz's German friends—amounted, as stated yesterday, to over a quarter of a million dollars, to which should be added another quarter of a million on account of fat contracts and other pickings, making the entire cash loss of the Brown-Schurz clique not less than $500,000 per year—all gone to the democracy and Grant republicans.

To this must be added the loss of the entire federal patronage. To offset which they have carried the State of Missouri by a combination that could not exist a day after election, and cannot, in all probability, ever be made again.

A SUICIDAL POLICY.

And now, while a few poor suffering mercenary henchmen are whining round the White House for "conciliation," their leaders in the Senate are throwing hot shot and shell into the administration ranks at every possible opportunity.

The course pursued by the anti-Grant republicans has carried them to that point where reconciliation is utterly impossible. This is now an admitted fact.

WHAT WILL BE DONE?

The President has but one course to pursue. He will let the malcontents entirely alone. The party is stronger now than before the split. If the Presidential election were to take place next month Senator Sumner could not carry Massachusetts against Grant.

In Missouri the Brown-McKee-Schurz clique is falling to pieces rapidly. It can never carry the State again. Indeed, if it could get back the lost patronage of St. Louis city and county the managers would be abundantly satisfied.

The defection of Messrs. Senators Dixon, Cowan and Doolittle, headed by President Johnson, with all the federal patronage, did not prevent the election of General Grant.

The present split is nothing near so serious as the one just previous to it.

Let them the President take no heed of the advice of mercenary trimmers. If he lets the malcontents severely alone, and has nothing to do with their conciliatory measures, he will be re-elected—if he gets the nomination.

Of his chances at the next nominating convention I shall have something to say at another time.

A "SHARP" YOUNG WOMAN.

On the 19th instant Annie Morgan effected an insurance on her wearing apparel for $3,000, in the Park Insurance Company, under the name of Minnie Davis. The woman, who is a notorious character, with about a dozen aliases, imposed upon the people at the house on the southeast corner of Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue by representing to them that she was a respectable woman, and through this device was admitted to the house as a boarder. At an early hour on Sunday morning some of the inmates of the house discovered a fire in the room of the female boarder, and, bursting the door open, saw her lying in bed apparently asleep, the room filled with smoke and a quantity of clothes she had in her trunk in flames. From the suspicious manner in which the fire was discovered, coupled with the fact that there was not over $100 worth of clothes in the trunk, which had been insured for $3,000, Sergeant McElwain, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, arrested her and conveyed her before Fire Marshal Mospedon, where an investigation was held and sufficient evidence produced to warrant her arraignment before Justice Smandley, at Jefferson Market. She denied the charge and claimed that upon going to bed she left a candle burning on her washstand, with the window open, and supposes a spark blew into her trunk and set fire to the clothing. She was committed for examination.

The prisoner was arrested about two years ago on a similar charge, while boarding with a lady in Bleecker street, and has also been arrested several times on charges of grand larceny; but, through her artless and sympathetic story of her ruination by a young man, who induced her to run away from boarding school and accompany him to this city, has thus far escaped punishment. She is well dressed, good looking, and is said to have been the cause of the separation of several families in this city, the male members of which refused to submit to her blackmailing propensities.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Almanac for New York—This Day.

Sun rises..... 7 23 | Moon sets.....eve 10 32
Sun sets..... 4 39 | High water, morn — —

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURES FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

Steamer.	*Sails.*	*Destination.*	*Office.*
City of Cork	Dec 27	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Nevada	Dec 28	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Tyrian	Dec 28	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Caledonia	Dec 31	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
City of Brooklyn	Dec 31	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Pennsylvania	Dec 31	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Lafayette	Dec 31	Havre	58 Broadway.
Hansa	Dec 31	Bremen	65 Broad street.
Colorado	Jan 4	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
City of Brussels	Jan 7	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Anglia	Jan 7	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Helvetia	Jan 7	Liverpool	69 Broadway.
City of Limerick	Jan 10	Liverpool	15 Broadway.
Wisconsin	Jan 11	Liverpool	29 Broadway.
Australia	Jan 14	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Ville de Paris	Jan 28	Havre	55 Broadway.

PORT OF NEW YORK, DECEMBER 26, 1870.

ARRIVALS.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS.

Steamship Caledonia (Br), Ovenstone, Glasgow Dec 10 and Moville 11th, with mdse and 148 passengers, to Henderson Bros. Had fine easterly winds up to the 15th; since then a constant succession of westerly gales, with snow and sleet and bad weather generally.

Steamship Victor, Gales, New Orleans Dec 17 and the bar 18th, with mdse and passengers, to C H Mallory & Co. Had heavy NW gales and very cold weather.

Steamship Gen Barnes, Mallory, Savannah Dec 23, with mdse and passengers, to Livingston, Fox & Co.

Steamship Mercedita, Leonard, Charleston, with mdse and passengers, to H R Morgan & Co. Had very strong gales from NNE to NNW, with heavy sea, from Hatteras to Capes of Virginia. Dec 23, at 4 PM, 50 miles north of Hatteras, passed steamship Missouri, hence for Havana. The M brought on the body of Capt Lincoln, of bark Amelia, who died